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CHINA WANTS NO WAR, SAYS WU

Seeks Peaceful Settlement

U. N. TO DISCUSS THE RAU PLAN

U.S. Promises Support

LAKE SUCCESS, DECEMBER 12, (PTI-REUTER).

THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AGAINST SOVIET OBJECTIONS VOTED TODAY TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THE 13-NATION PLAN FOR BRINGING ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN KOREA.

The Committee voted by 48 to five, with four abstentions, to give priority to this plan over the six-power resolution calling for withdrawal of Chinese forces.

Priority was given at the request of Mr. B. N. Rau, the Indian delegate, who was the main author of the plan. Only the Soviet Union group of countries opposed priority. Ecuador, Turkey, China and Thailand abstained.

Earlier, Mr. Rau told the Committee that the Chinese People's Republic representative had assured him that it did not want war, but war had been forced upon it by the United States and the United Nations.

Mr. Rau, introducing two resolutions designed to try to find a peaceful settlement in Korea, gave some details of his recent conversations with General Wu Hsiu-chuan, representative of the Chinese People's Republic here.

He said: "The meetings were firstly to understand the view of the Peking Government. We met four times and had fairly long conversations.

MOST CERTAINLY NO

"At each conversation I asked the Ambassador whether I was right in my view that the Peking Government did not want war with the United Nations or the United States.

"His answer was, 'Most certainly we do not want war, but we find that the forces of the United States and the United Nations are carrying on military operations near our border and so a war has been forced upon our people'.

"For nearly a generation China has been ravaged by wars from one side or another and it is easy to understand why the Chinese people do not want another war and would welcome a spell of peace.

"At the same time, we must remember the terrible ordeals through which they have passed have made them unduly suspicious.

"In fact, they seem to moving towards a Monroe Doctrine for China.

"Be that as it may, we have at the

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THE 'FREE' WORLD, U. S. PATTERN

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UPI): The apprehension is rising in London's financial circles that quite soon America will openly establish its unilateral control over world trade and decide the prices of raw materials and finished merchandise.

It is pointed out that by its stockpiling of selected key commodities it has already threatened to dislocate British and other West European industrial economies. Even after Mr. Attlee's intervention, Britain's industrial production, both for home consumption and export, will be dependent on American goodwill for essential raw materials.

The same position obtains in France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and to a lesser extent in other European countries.

It is only a question of time when the pressure of the raw material situation begins to be reflected on the consumption goods and then on all economic activities of the "free world".

Bertha Flown As Riots Roar, Twelve Dead

SINGAPORE, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Bertha Hertogh was whisked out of Singapore by air to her home in Holland today while in the street below thousands of angry Malayans went on rioting against her removal from her Muslim husband.

The 13-year-old girl who spent over half of her life in the Malayan jungles with a Malay nurse left Singapore torn apart by race riots which had killed 12 and injured 188.

She was flying to Bergen-op-Zoom in a K L M plane with her mother to take up a new life with a family she does not know — her parents and seven brothers and sisters.

Until the Supreme Court ruled that she should return to her parents Bertha had used a Muslim name, worn Muslim clothes and called herself a Muslim.

A curfew was clamped on the city today after yesterday's bitter clashes. But riots and shooting again erupted.

HELICOPTERS USED

Troops used a helicopter to hurl teargas bombs at menacing crowds of Muslims, fired on rioters or charged with fixed bayonets.

Soldiers on the ground opened fire to disperse crowds. Four battalions of British, Gurkha and Malay troops had patrolled the city with 30 armoured vehicles since the riots began yesterday.

Gurkhas shot three Malays in an Arab street during today's clashes and two died soon afterwards. Twelve more cars were set on fire by rioters. A Muslim threw hand grenades injuring an onlooker, while soldiers shot an Indian Muslim and a Chinese woman this afternoon.

TRUMAN WELCOMES ATTLEE

Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Great Britain is greeted by President Truman at National Airport in Washington, as the British Prime Minister arrived in the U. S. capital to confer on the crisis confronting the world

A-BOMB THREAT HAS VISIBLY RECEDED

ATTLEE'S NOTE OF HOPE IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, December 12, (PTI-Reuter).

THE British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today he had good hopes that the United Nations forces would maintain themselves in Korea.

He was making a statement on his talks with President Truman only a few hours after flying back from America.

United States Generals had given him a "very full account" of the military situation in Korea, he said.

His talks with President Truman had completely satisfied him on the question of using the atom bomb. "There was no difference between us on this vital matter", he added.

But this statement failed to satisfy several members. They pressed for more information, but Mr. Attlee told them to wait until he himself opened Thursday's debate.

On disagreement between America and Britain over the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government, he said, "We did not expect these differences could be resolved in talks lasting only a few days".

MACARTHUR BACKED

Mr. Attlee touched on a subject which has caused much questining by a section of his own party in Parliament—General MacArthur's conduct of the Korean fighting.

"It is clear that the general directives of the United Nations have been followed", he said adding, "We gave consideration to the procedure by which the United Nations Commander received his instructions".

The atmosphere of the Washington talks was both frank and friendly, he said. He believed such meetings served not only mutual interest, but the interests of the whole world.

Mr. Attlee returned to London by air at 10 a.m.

FULL OF HOPE

Asked whether he thought his talks would help world peace, Mr. Attlee replied, "Yes, I hope so."

Within two hours of his arrival, he reported to King George and called a Cabinet meeting.

His audience with the King lasted about 45 minutes.

GLOOM PERSISTS

Tidings brought by Premier Attlee from America to the Cabinet meeting this morning have not produced any sense of relief in London (adds UPI).

The situation developing is showing signs that American obtuseness is increasing since the Attlee-Truman communique issued last week, according to well informed circles here. Parliamentary Labour circles feel that a perilous world situation and ominious threats to British economy have been created by what they termed the "bungling" of American foreign policy.

Refusal to grant visas to delegates not of "pure European (white) descent" has stopped plans for holding a conference of the International Student Service Organisation in South Africa.

Eisenhower To Be Atlantic Supremo

LONDON, Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter): General Dwight D Eisenhower will probably be appointed Supreme Commander of the Atlantic Treaty Forces in Europe beore the end of this week, an authoritative source said here today.

General Eisenhower is 60. It was in December 1943 that he was called upon to take command of the Allied Expeditionary Force preparing for the liberation of Europe.

VIET MINH FORCES BOMBED

WITH THE FRENCH AIRFORCE IN TONKIN, Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter): French Junker bombers, spearheading what was believed to be a new French offensive against the Viet Minh forces, today showered anti-personnel bombs on Viet Minh concentrations north of Phulangthuong.

Phulangthuong is about 40 miles north-east of Hanoi, capital of Tonkin.

The Junkers are similar to those used during the Spanish civil war.

King Cobra fighters struck at the same targets with bombs and machine-guns.

Air attacks have been going on for three days against the Viet Minh concentrations which military observers believe, are massing for a possible new delta offensive this month.

AMNESTY: Yugoslavia is to free 177 political prisoners in Bosnia and Herzegovina under a Government amnesty, Belbrade radio announced.

Wonder Drug Is A Farce

CUTTACK, Dec. (PTI): The Pradhan Committee appointed by the Government of Orissa to inquire into the efficacy of the "wonder drug" distributed by the twelve-year-old Nepal Baba of Rantalai for the cure of all diseases, submitted its reports this evening. It is learnt 1,500 cases of those who had taken the medicine were understood to have been examined by the Committee, which reported that 90 per cent of them had not been cured. Among the remaining ten per cent the cure was of minor significance.

A Field Ambulance unit of 326 persons which has joined the U. N. United Command in Korea as part of India's contribution to the United Nations campaign against North Korea, is inspected by the Indian C-IN-C General K. M. Cariappa.

Food: Special Committee To Meet Again

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

LATEST developments in the food deliberations seem to be slightly more propitious to the deficit States, including Bombay, as the eight-man Special Committee appointed last evening has been enlarged to include Cochin-Travancore and Bihar, two other deficit States.

The deficit States group consists of the Food Ministers of Bombay, Madras, Saurashtra, Bihar and Cochin-Travancore; the surplus State group consists of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, East Punjab and West Bengal.

The inclusion of the two members is regarded as a widening of the cleavage between the control and partial control groups.

When the conference met today Mr. Munshi announced that its deliberations were adjourned till 2-30 p.m. tomorrow as the Special Committee which met twice during the day, had not been able to arrive at any conclusion. The Special Committee will meet again tomorrow morning and its conclusions will be put before the conference for ratification.

The secretaries of the various Food Ministries have also formed a committee to discuss food allocations.

M. P. PETITION

NEW DELHI: Twenty-four Members of Parliament from Madras support the views of the Madras Government in favour of abolishing rural rationing. The signatories to a telegram sent to Mr. Munshi include Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Prof. N. G Ranga and Father Jerome D'Souza.

AHMEDABAD: Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Socialist, has called for the creation of a 'food army' to fight the worsening food position in the country.

MORE FOOD TO BE IMPORTED

Policy Statement On December 15

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12, (PTI): The import policy statement, which will be published by the Government of India on December 15,1950 in respect of January-June period will it is understood, contain a programme of larger imports of foodgrains as compared with the preceding half year.

It is learnt that the provision of larger food imports is unlikely to affect adversely the programme of imports in respect of other commodities. Nor will the statement announce any major change in the import programme. It is presumed that the overall monetary ceiling for imports will be increased to such extent as to cover the increased quantum of food imports.

During the current six months period the Open General Licences were expanded twice, to cover additional essential commodities. They were OGL 20 and OGL 21.

Gur Prices For Bombay

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DELHI EXPECTED

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The Government of India have fixed Rs. 21 per maund as the price for the best quality gur for producers in the state of Bombay, it was learnt here today.

The prices for the second and third qualities were fixed at Rs. 19-12 and Rs. 16-4 per maund.

The selling price for gur in producing areas has been fixed at Rs. 23; in adjoining districts at Rs. 24/6 and in the remaining districts Rs. 25.

An official announcement fixing the prices is expected to be made tomorrow from Delhi.

Until recently the producer's price in Bombay for any quality was Rs. 20 per maund, as against Rs. 18 in Uttar Pradesh. The selling price in Bombay was Rs. 24.

In October last when gur was selling at double the controlled prices in the state, Government of Bombay issued orders freezing stocks with wholesalers. The stocks thus acquired by Government were later distributed to consumers through ration shops.

A representative of the Gur Producers Association here expressed dissatisfaction over the new prices and said the Association would make further representations to raise the ceiling price to Rs. 27 per maund.

SURVEYORS ASSAULTED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12 (UPI): Several surveyors of Relief and Rehabilitation Department, West Bengal Government, were attacked and assaulted by a gang of 23 armed with deadly weapons. The officials were surveying a plot of land at Duttpukur, in 24 Parganas, about 24 miles from Calcutta.

The miscreants, it is stated, snatched away the instruments and other valuables from the possession of the surveyors.

None has been arrested so far.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IN KOREA

Chinese Massing Troops: Mongols Thrown In

TOKYO, December 12, (PTI-Reuter).

GENERAL MacArthur's Public Relations Officer, Colonel M. P. Echols, today announced a new voluntary press censorship procedure to meet a "new era" in Korea resulting from Chinese intervention.

Colonel Echols said "deep concern" existed in the United Nations top command for the security of United Nations troops.

Their situation was "to say the least serious."

When United Nations forces faced the North Koreans, press censorship was relatively unimportant, he said.

But now the potentialities of the enemy were enormous, particularly since they were in a position to throw in "certain naval and air forces".

FOUR POINTS

He listed four points on which stories would be checked for security: 1. No information on armed attacks of United Nations force or movements in progress. 2. No reports of any movements with respect to United Nations forces, boundaries, weaknesses in United Nations positions or undefended positions of United Nations lines. 3. No information concerning the effectiveness of specific items of Communist or United Nations material. 4. No report of activities or relations of friendly troops except in terms of divisional units or separate United Nations forces and then only when units are in firm contact with the Communists.

MONGOL CAVALRY

General MacArthur's spokesman said today the potentiality of the Communist forces now in Korea was "enormous" and the situation was "to say the least, serious".

The enemy was now in a position to throw in "certain naval and air forces".

Allied headquarters had announced earlier that twenty-seven Chinese divisions including two of the tough Mon-

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MURDER IN SEOUL

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): A gunman today shot dead a South Korean National Assembly man Whang Sung Loo, one of the three who visited the United States last month.

The gunman turned his gun on him in an unsuccessful attempt to break into Mr. Whang's house in Seoul.

He was believed to have been attempting to assassinate the assemblyman.

According to reports reaching here, an average of eighteen people have been killed in each of the last three nights in Seoul.

IMPLEMENTING LABOUR BILL

Over Rs. 69 Lakhs Expenditure

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12: The Labour Relations Bill now pending before Parliament when implemented will cost the Indian taxpayers Rs. 69,40,000 a year, it is estimated here.

The bill contemplates appointment when necessary of the following authorities:—Registering officer, Conciliation officers and Chief Conciliation Officers, Conciliation Boards, Standing Conciliation Boards, Commission of Inquiry, Labour Courts, Labour Tribunals, Labour Appellate Tribunal, Committee to advise the appropriate government to assume control of an undertaking and a Controller.

Assuming that the requirement of the Central and state governments would be as indicated above, the annual recurring expenditure to be incurred by the Central Government will be about Rs. 23.52 lakhs. Of this a sum of Rs. 18.78 lakhs is already being incurred under the Industrial Disputes Act of 1947 and hence the additional expenditure involved as a result of the bill will be only Rs. 4.74 lakhs.

DETAILS

The breakdown of expenditure is as under:

Conciliation officers: Central Government Rs. 15,00,000, Part C states Rs. 2,40,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 16,00,000. Boards of Conciliation: Central Government Rs. 20,000, Part C states Rs. 40,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 55,000. Standing Boards of Conciliation: Central Government Rs. 50,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 2,50,000. Commission of Inquiry: Central Government Rs. 20,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 25,000. Labour courts: Central Government Rs. 1,00,000, Part C states Rs. 2,24,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 5,88,000. Tribunals: Central Government Rs. 1,62,000, Part C states Rs. 4,32,000, Parts A and B states Rs. 11,34,000. Labour Appellate Tribunal Rs. 5,00,000. Total: Central Government Rs. 23,52,000, Part C states Rs. 9,36,000 and Parts A and B states Rs. 36,52,000.

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NOTICE

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BOMBAY

THIS IS TO INFORM all concerned that the Policyholders' Meeting which is to be held on 31st December, 1950, is hereby CANCELLED as only one application has been received for one vacancy of Policyholders' Director, who has been duly elected Director of the Company.

N. V. K. RAO
Secretary.

11-12-50.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Chief Medical Officer under the Faridabad Development Board for the new township at Faridabad, G.I.P. Railway. The Board proposes to organise health services covering a population of fifty-thousand in the township and at a later date a similar number in the surrounding rural areas. For this purpose a certain number of Health and Recreation Centres somewhat on the lines of the Peckham Health Centre, London, which will work in close association with outdoor dispensaries and a hundred-bed general hospital are being established at Faridabad.

Candidates should be between 35 and 45 years of age. High professional qualifications including experience of public health work are essential. Experience of medico-social work and a community outlook will be considered as added qualifications for the post. In special cases a relaxation of the upper limit for age will be permitted. The scale of pay for the post is Rs. 600-40-1,000-1,000-1,050, 1,050-1,100-50-1,300 plus usual dearness allowance and a non-practising allowance of 25 per cent of the basic pay. Suitable candidates will be started on a higher salary than the initial pay of the above scale.

Candidates will be interviewed by a Selection Board appointed by the Director-General, Health Services, Government of India. Applications should be submitted to:-

SHRI SUDHIR GHOSH,
Secretary, Faridabad
Development Board,
C/o., Ministry of Rehabilitation,
New Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING GIVEN under Sec. 209A of the Indian Companies Act 1913.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 209A of the Indian Companies Act 1913 that Meeting of the Creditors of the abovenamed Company will be held at the premises of the Company at 122, Pakmodia Street, Bombay —3. On WEDNESDAY the 20th day of December, 1950 at 5-30 p. m. for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the following Resolution to be passed at the Shareholders' Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the premises of the Company at 122, Pakmodia Street, Bombay—3 at 5 p. m. on the same day.

"RESOLVED THAT IT HAS BEEN proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly Mr. A. T. Husaini, be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up with all the powers under "SECTION 212 of the Indian Companies Act 1913."

Dated this 23rd day of November 1950.

By order of the Board.
A. T. HUSAINI.
Director.

(9283)

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HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents

Bombay, 30th November, 1950.

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Bombay, 30-11-1950.

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VALLUBHDAS DAYAL & CO
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.

Bombay, 30-11-1950.

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NOTICE

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Dated this 12th day of December, 1950.

KAMDAR & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY BURMAH TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED.

IT IS REGRETTED that adequate notice to some shareholders was not given of the Eighty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting convened for Thursday, the 21st December 1950. No business can or will therefore be transacted at that Meeting and accordingly.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Corporation will be held at the Registered Office of the Corporation, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on FRIDAY, the 29th DECEMBER 1950, at 4-15 P. M. (S.T.) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

I. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st May 1950.
II. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
III. To elect a Director in place of Mr. A. L. Hutson, who retires by rotation, but who is eligible for re-election.
IV. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
WALLACE & CO.
Secretaries, Treasurers and Managers.

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Bombay, 12th December, 1950.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

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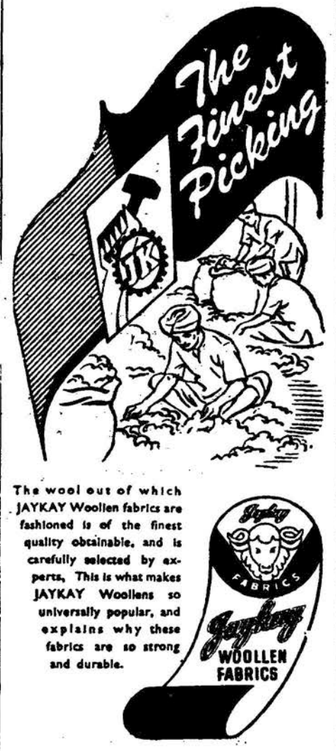

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Tandon's Advice

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Congress President Purshottamdas Tandon said here today that bribery and corruption were rampant in the Government machinery. This was due to controls on unessential commodities like sugar and gur, he added.

Expressing his personal disapproval of controls on such commodities, Mr. Tandon said that such rigid regulation of trade by Government was preventing the expansion of certain industries and hampering trade. So he strongly advocated the removal of controls on such goods.

The Congress President gave expression to these views at two separate receptions held in his honour this afternoon, one by the Western India Chamber of Commerce and the other by the Hindustani Merchants and Commission Agents Association.

THE WAY OUT

The only way of stamping out bribery and corruption was, Mr. Tandon observed, for the merchant community to desist from offering even a single pie to Government officers for personal gains. Exhorting businessmen to be honest in their transactions, he said that if they were free from malpractice and anti-social activities then they would give moral courage to force Government to accept their suggestion to lift controls.

At the Western India Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tandon was welcomed by its President Mr. G. D. Somani, while at the Hindustani Merchants and Commission Agents Association, its Vice-Presdent Mr. Hor Naryan Rustomji welcomed the guest. Both of them assured full support to the Congress in the forthcoming general elections.

The Western India Chamber of Commerce presented the Congress President with a purse of Rs. 3,100, while from the other association he received a purse of Rs. 5,001.

Mr. Tandon advised displaced persons in Bombay today to take an optimistic view of life and forget the bitter past.

He was addressing the members of the Servants of Sind Society. He said Government had not been able to do as much as they should have to solve the refugee problem. But for that Government should not be blamed because they had their limitations and difficulties.

SALE OF TWO BOMBS

Government Appeal Dismissed

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Division Bench of the High Court consisting of Mr. Justice Bavdekar and Mr. Justice Dixit dismissed an appeal filed by the State of Bombay against the acquittal of Din Mahomed Sultan, who was charged with possessing bombs.

The prosecution case was that on information that the accused was in possession of bombs, the police sent a bogus customer named Bangdiwala to approach the accused and buy two bombs. Din Mahomed introduced one Bachu Gavli to Bangdiwala. Gavli wanted Rs. 2,000 per bomb.

On September 1, 1948 Bangdiwala went with policemen and panchas in a forest near Kalyan where Gavli was ready with two bombs. Rs. 1,500 were given to Din Mahomed. Police fell upon them and arrested Gavli and Din Mahomed. The Sessions Judge, Thana sentenced Gavli to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and acquitted Din Mahomed holding that it was not proved that the bombs were in his possession.

POSSESSION NOT PROVED

On appeal, their Lordships upheld the order of the Sessions Judge and observed that although Din Mahomed took active part in the sale of bombs his possession was not proved. Their Lordships remarked that there was no provision in the Explosive Substances Act whereby sale of any explosive substance was punishable.

Mr. B. G. Thakore appeared for the State.

Mr. S. G. Patwardhan with Mr. G. S. Talpade appeared for Din Mahomed.

SOCIAL EDUCATION WEEK

Students Sell Flags And Coupons

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Today was collection day for the Social Education Committee and 260 students from schools and colleges went around the city selling flags, coupons and collecting donations for the literacy drive.

Out of a total population of 33 crores 15 crores of voters are illiterate in this country. In Bombay city 12 lakhs of the population, both men and women, are illiterate. Two lakhs have been taught to read and write since the inception of the adult literacy classes in 1939 by Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay, who is the Founder President of the Social Education Committee.

To educate the rest, a sum of rupees one crore is urgently needed. Although the Government contributes 50 percent of the expenditure involved in literacy drive, and the Bombay Municipal Corporation Rs. 50,000 there is still adeficit of Rs. 2 lakhs in the total expenditure.

In order to make up this deficit in its budget, the Social Education Committee has organised a Second Social Education Week which was inaugurated by Sri Purshottamdas Tandon last Sunday. During the week 60,000 one-anna and 15,000 four-anna coupons have been issued to students for sale in the city.

A reception was given to Shri Purshottamdas Tandon at the Corporation Hall on Tuesday evening by Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay.

SWEEPER CLASS MUST BE ELIMINATED

Tandon Is Also Against Congestion In Cities

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A PLEA for gradual elimination of the class of sweepers, who have to do the dirty work of keeping big cities clean, was made by the Congress President, Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, in a speech at a tea party given in his honour by the Mayor of Bombay in the Corporation Hall this evening.

Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, who sprang a surprise on the assembled gathering by speaking in English said that peronally he seld the view that big cities were not models on which human life should be planned. He particularly referred to the existence of sweeper class in such big cities, who have to do the sanitary work for other classes. The existence of big cities also created other problems like that of slums, he said. He asked the City Fathers whether they could not devise ways and means to keep bustees clean without having such a class as sweepers. According to him, the solution lay in having such model bustees which could eliminate the class of sweepers from their midst. He was looking forward for a time when this class would totally disappear from big cities in India, because he believed in evolutionary process of progress.

The Congress President also said that he was against the congestion in big cities, where buildings are modelled in such a way that tenements are crowded. He thought better ways could be devised where the city folk could enjoy the amenities provided in rural surroundings.

FELT HONOURED

The Congress President said that he felt honoured to be in the midst of Bombay City Fathers. The Bombay Corporation, he said, had a great tradition built by such stalwarts as Sir Phirozeshah Mehta and Vithalbhai Patel. He paid a tribute to the memory of Sir Phirozeshah Mehta and said that it was he who had given that prestige and dignity to the Bombay Corporation. Being the President of Allahabad Municipality for a couple of years, Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon said that he understood the problems and difficulties faced by the President and members of the Municipality in the discharge of their civic duties.

Welcoming the Congress President, Mr. S. K. Patil, the Mayor, said that in him the interests of the Congress were safe, because he was a patriot who had devoted himself to the service of the country for the last three decades. He paid a tribute to his work for the nation and his sacrifices in the cause of freedom.

A distinguished gathering was present on the occasion including High Court Judges, the Food Ministers of different States, Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay, Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court and members of Consular Corps.

NEW BUILDING OPENED

The Congress President later declared open the "Congress Bhavan"—the new office building of the "F" ward District Congress Committee at St. Xavier Street, Bholwada.

Mr. Tandon said that the Indian National Congress was the only organisation in the country which could shoulder the responsibilities that freedom had brought in its wake. The Party had selfless workers and national leaders of repute who could steer the nation through difficult times.

He appealed to the public to offer unstinted support to the Government and thus make the country strong.

DEVELOPMENT OF MERGED AREAS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

An earnest appeal to do their utmost to increase food production was made to agriculturists by the Minister for Local Self-Government, Shri G. D. Vartak, inaugurating the Mulshi Taluka Agricultural Conference at Paud, yesterday. That way alone, he said, they would be able to enjoy the fruit of freedom.

The Minister assured the peasants from merged areas that the Government was doing its best to ameliorate their conditions. He also assured them that the trusts in the former States would be utilised for the benefit of the people concerned. The Minister advised them to merge their identity with the people of the rest of the State.

The conference, which was presided over by Shri B. M. Gupte, M.L.A. was attended by about 2,000 agriculturists, including delegates from the villages of the former Bhor State.

DON'T SMOKE BIDIS—TANDON

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Congress President, Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, is against "bidi" smoking by workers.

Mr. Tandon, who was laying the foundation stone of Congress ambulance building at Rea Road, a suburb of Bombay this morning, advised all workers to give up "bidi" smoking which he said, not only spoiled their health, but burnt their hard earned money. "Bidi smoking is not a sin, it is bad habit. I know that even some Ministers smoke, but that does not give you a license to smoke", he told the workers.

The Congress President congratulated the Bombay Government for introducing total Prohibition in the state. "I am glad that Bombay Government has enforced prohibition. This will bring happiness in many homes of workers, who were otherwise squandering all their earnings on drink", he said.

Atom Scientist Cancels Trip To India

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Britain's No. 1 atom scientist, Prof. Sir John Cockcroft, has cancelled his trip to India to attend the International Conference at Bombay on Elementary Particles.

A paper prepared by Sir John, who is Director of the Harwell Atomic Research Establishment, will however still be read.

Four British Locomotives For India

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The new Clyde-built cargo vessel "City of Bedford," now on her maiden voyage to India, has on board four locomotive and tenders manufactured by the North British Locomotive Company of Glasgow. They are intended for Calcutta for service with the Indian State Railways.

Each locomotive weighs 90 tons, and each tender 30 tons.

WITHDRAWN: The Government of Pakistan have, in view of the fact that paper of all kinds is now on the O. G. L. decided to remove forthwith the restrictions imposed under the Paper Control Economy Order, 1945, on the business of printing and publication of books, says a Press Note

REVIEW OF BEST BUDGET

Tramways Letting Down Corporation

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Reviewing the BEST budget for 1951-52 at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation this afternoon, Mr. Homi Dalyarkhan said that the only side of the BEST Undertaking which was still letting down the Corporation was the tramways. The bus side was showing a distinct profit. The recent detection in the fraud of the TIM machines had revealed how much revenue it cost the Undertaking. The net income figure of Rs. 27 lakhs in the estimates, he surmised, was based on the expectation that there would be no more such frauds. He expressed his sense of disappointment that nearly 500 of these 1,100 of these machines, had not yet been replaced by ordinary tickets. It was essential to expedite this.

He felt that repair costs and maintenance were steadily mounting by some lakhs every year. This had to be avoided.

He expressed his pleasure that the budget contained a feature of Rs. 17 lakhs provision for housing BEST workers. He hoped that this programme would be put through this year and the next year there would be another programme of the same nature, and the full quota for housing the employees would be finished in three years.

He deprecated the tenndency on the part of the BEST to depend more and more on loans. Like a true commercial venture, it must depend on its own revenues.

He asked for reducing the number of temporary posts to a minimum and congratulated the management on effective recognition of the departments.

ADVERTISING AGENCIES ASSOCIATION

New President Elected

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. D. H. McGill of Lintas Ltd., Bombay, was unanimously elected as the new President at the fifth annual general meeting of the Advertising Agencies Association of India held at the Cricket Club of India today.

The meeting adopted a resolution extending "full co-operation and advice" to the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society "to formulate ways and means by which newsprint may be conserved in the best interests of publishers and advertisers alike", in view of its grave shortage and and high cost.

Mr. A.K. Gupta of Publicity Forum, Calcutta, was elected as the Vice-President. The new members of the Executive Committee are Messrs R. Misra, I.D. Kotwal, A.M. Patel, H.H. Broom, J. N. Jaini and E. J. Fielden, while Smt. A. Bharatiya is the new Secretary.

The press was entertained to "tea" in the evening at the C. C. I. when Mr. McGill, the incoming President welcoming the guests said that the interests of the publishers of newspapers and periodicals and the advertising agencies were inseparably entwined. The former could always rely on the Association for help and guidance in the problems confronting them.

Industrial Disputes For Arbitration

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The industrial disputes between the Chittakarshak Weaving Mills, the Kohinoor Mills, the Shree Balaji Weaving Mills, the Shri Krishna Weaving Mills, the Shri Ramvilas Weaving Mills, the Shri Narayan Weaving Mills, the Shri Govind Weaving Mills, the Shri Datta Weaving Mills and the Deccan Silk Weaving Mills, all of Ichalkaranji, and their respective workers on the question of payment of bonus and standard rates of wages, have been referred by the Government of arbitration to the Industrial Court.

Tandon Asks Workers To Produce More

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE Congress President, Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, today called upon the workers throughout India to help in relieving the difficulties of the people by more and more production when the country was faced with a grave crisis.

The Congress President was laying the foundation stone of a new building known as Congress Ambulance Building at Reay Road in the heart of labour area in the city. He told the workers that the Congress was their organization and the Congress had served their interest. It was wrong to describe the great national organisation which was guided in its march of destiny by Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, as a "capitalist organisation," he said. He told Bombay workers that they could set an example to the rest of the country by devoting themselves to the task of more production.

According to Mr. Tandon, Bombay was not only a very big centre of industries but also a progressive city with a liberal tradition of harmony among all classes. He was sorry to see that there were sporadic labour strikes in such a city and he hoped that in future more harmonious relations could be developed between the employer and the employee.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, said that the Congress Ambulance Corps began with the donation of two vans to the B.P.C.C. and now they had in all four vans. Within last two years, however, Mr. Patil added, they had considerably expanded their Ambulance organisation and now with voluntary donations of about two lakhs of rupees they were constructing their own building. He hoped that more and more people would take advantage of the Congress Ambulance Corps.

Earlier, a procession in honour of the Congress President started from Victoria Garden headed by Mr. Patil, Mr. G. D. Mahashabde, General Secretary of the B.P.C.C. Mr. Ganpatishanker Desai, Vice-President of the B.P.C.C. and other office bearers of the Congress organisations and terminated at the Ambulance Centre at Reay Road.

The Congress President later paid a visit to R. V. Ayurvedic Hospital and Shradanand Mahila Ashram and also Refugess Camps conducted by Sind Seva Samiti.

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Devaluation Balances India's Trade

INCREASE IN EXPORTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE post devaluation year—October 1949 to September 1950—revealed considerable improvement in India's balance of payments position with a current account surplus of the order of Rs. 65.9 crores during the period, compared with a deficit of Rs. 248.4 in the year before devaluation.

This conclusion has been drawn in an article on the effects of devaluation in the November issue of the Reserve Bank bulletin.

The article states that the improvement was the result of an increase in India's exports, and curtailment in imports, as well as of slightly better receipts from invisibles. During the same period, there was a net investment of about Rs. 39 crores in the capital account, as compared with a total decline in India's foreign assets during the twelve months before devaluation by about Rs. 245 crores. The total improvement, whether judged from the current or the capital account, was substantial. It would have been better, if the availability of raw materials like jute and cotton had not been hindered by developments in regard to Pakistan trade and currency following her non-devaluation.

PURPOSE ACHIEVED

According to the article, devaluation which had been adopted as a defensive measure and for the purpose of eliminating the deficit in India's balance of payments, had achieved in the short period the purpose for which it was intended. The balance had been achieved, both in respect of the overall position as well as in the dollar sector, by the stimulation of exports and the curtailment of imports. It was not possible to assess at the present stage the extent to which the restraints on imports were due to exchange adjustment, and to what extent to other causes such as import controls, satiated domestic demand, or income deflation.

On the side of exports, it was difficult to isolate at this stage the contribution due to other causes, or to assess the extent to which the improvement was likely to be lasting. It would have been possible to achieve equilibrium at a higher level of trade, were the jute and cotton textile industries not subject to the inhibition of raw material shortage.

NOT AN INFLATIONARY INFLUENCE

The article says that the favourable balance of payments which devaluation had induced, could not be said to have provided a very potent inflationary influence. The rise in prices which followed was indeed looked upon as constituting the sacrifice necessary to re-establish equilibrium in the country's external accounts. Devaluation by itself was never expected to provide a solution to the problems of production which continue to be hampered, in the last analysis, by the shortage of real savings. To achieve equilibrium at a higher and more stable level, it was necessary to match the progress in production with the demand stimulated by devaluation.

Essay Competition, For Lawyers

It is the experience of the Bombay Legal Aid Society that the problems of a large proportion of those who apply to it for legal aid and advice, concern the relationship between master and servant, with special reference to the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Payment of Wages Act, and the criminal and police laws. With a view to make available to such persons at their homes, information and practical guidance on these subjects, the Society invites members of the legal profession to prepare and submit to the Society, within three months, brochures on the above-mentioned subjects. An honorarium will be paid to the author of the brochure under each of these heads, that may be deemed best. Further details can be had from the Honorary Secretary, Bombay Legal Aid Society, Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay (1).

Silk Yarn From Japan

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12 (UPI): To meet the acute scarcity of yarn in West Bengal, the Government have arranged import of a considerable quantity of silk yarn from Japan. About 10,000 pounds of such yarn have already been received, while another consignment of about the same quantity is expected to come shortly.

THE LATE MR. CHUNI LALL

The post funeral ceremony (Kriya Karma) of the late Mr. Chuni Lall will be performed at his residence, 96, Ghod Bunder Road, Malad (B.B. & C.I. Rly.) at 4-30 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th instant, when his friends are expected to be present to pray for eternal peace to his soul.

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Dry Weather Still Continues

ALL-INDIA REPORT

POONA, Dec. 12 (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday:

Weather continued to be dry over the country.

Night temperatures were below normal over most of the country and were appreciably so in Chota Nagpur, Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, south-east Madhya Pradesh and Hyrerabad.

FORECAST valid until the evening of 13th:—There may be local showers in south Tamilnad and in Travancore-Cochin. A few light showers are also likely in upper Assam. Dry weather will prevail over the rest of the country.

Night temperatures may rise in the southern half of the peninsula.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum ano minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from 1st October, 1950, and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours, I.S.T. on December 12:

Ahmedabadbad 86 51 0 0 —, Allahabad 79 46 0 0 minus 2.7, Bangalore 76 54 0 1.2 minus 1.7, Baroda 88 49 0 0 minus 2.6, Belgaum 82 58 0 8.4 plus 2.0, Bhopal 83 48 0 0.1 —, BOMBAY 86 67 0 1.4 minus 1.6, Calcutta 80 53 0 15.8 plus 10.4, Cochin 86 72 0 18.9 minus 2.0 Colombo 89 75 0 19.2 minus 10.5, Cuttack 82 55 0 11.3 plus 4.2, Delhi 77 45 0 0 minus 0.6, Gwalior 82 49 0 0.1 —, Hyderabad 87 52 0 2.1 minus 1.6, Indore 84 45 0 0.1 minus 1.8, Khandwa 88 50 0 0 minus 2.2, Lucknow 80 45 0 0.1 minus 1.4, Madras 83 70 0 11.6 minus 17.0, Mysore 78 58 — 7.5 minus 1.4, Nagpur 83 50 0 0.5 minus 2.6, Pachmarhi 77 44 0 0.2 minus 2.9, Patana 75 42 0 0 —, Patna 75 50 0 0 minus 2.7, Poona 87 49 0 2.8 minus 1.8, Rajkot 84 50 0 0 minus 0.8, Surat 93 57 0 0 minus 1.2.

REGISTER OF BRITISH MANUFACTURERS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The new 1950/51 edition of the "F.B.I. Register of British Manufacturers", the authorised directory of the Federation of British Industries, is now available.

The Register contains a vast store of information of value to overseas buyers. The Products and Services Section, is a classified Buyers' Guide listing in alphabetical order some 5,000 products and services and showing under each heading the British firms which supply them. Another Section gives full addresses of all F.B.I. members (including telegraphic addresses), telephone numbers; their main products and, in may instances, details of home and overseas branches and agencies. Trade Associations are classified both by trade categories and alphabetically with full addresses, while the Advertisement Section provides an informative catalogue of British products, with many pages in full colour.

The President of the F.B.I., Sir Robert Sinclair, K.C.B., K.B.E., contributes a foreword and the contents include articles on the "F.B.I.: its Aims and Activities", "Dollar Sales" and an account of the Federation's Overseas Organisation and the help it can offer to overseas customers.

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CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

WED. DEC. 13.
Hindu: Magsar Shud 5, 2007.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 3, 1370.
Parsi: Tir 12, 1320.
Sunrise 7-3 a.m., Sunset 6-3 p.m.
Hightide 02-50, 14-46.
Lowtide 09-10, 20-40.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE: Weekly meeting at 3-30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Meeting at 2-30 p.m.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Dr. D. P. Khanapurkar speaking on "Depressed Classes of Gujerat", Cama Oriental Institute Hall, 6 p.m. Mr. P. G. Shah will preside.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Show of educational films at Town Hall 6-15 p.m.

PRESIDENCY ASSOCIATION: Telang Celebrations, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, 6-30 p.m. Messrs. Vithal Chandavarkar, Rustom P. Masani, Jamnadas Mehta and B. N. Gokhale will speak. Sir Cowasji Jehangir will preside.

CORN PRODUCTS CO: Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister, will inaugurate post literacy classes and distribute certificates to successful candidates at the factory premises, Maniar building, Frere Read, 5 p.m.

SILVERFISH: Speaker for the day, Dr. Gurudial Malik. 6-15 p.m.

WOMEN GRADUATES ASSOCIATION: Demonstration of electrical home appliances and films on, Cambridge University, World Gardens and Peckham Health Centre, Wilson College, 6 p.m. Open to public.

UNITED LODGE OF THE THEOSOPHISTS: Question and answer meeting, "Where are the dead", Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: Prof. P A. Wadia will speak on Fundamental Rights" at Peoples Free Library, Dhobi Talao. 6 p.m.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Mass drill display of School Children, Nare Park, 8-30 a.m. Mr. Nathalal Parikh will preside.

TELANGANA DEFENCE COMMITTEE: Mr. D. N. Pritt will meet the Press at Bombay Union of Journalists, Prospect Chambers Annexe, 3 p.m.

British Institute Of Engineering Technology

Lectures on Auto-Engineering: The first of a series of 20 lectures on automobile engineering to be delivered by Mr A. C. E. Anklesari, a distinguished Auto-Engineering consultant will come off on Thursday (tomorrow) at 7 p.m. at the main hall of the Institute, Petit building, Hornby Road. The first lecture is on Automobile Engines. Leetures will follow every Thursday thereafter at the same time and place. The lectures are designed to cover the Elementary Principles of Automobile Engineering as well as modern trends and Developments in the Auto-Engineering industry. Admission is free.

CHRISTMAS DANCES

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Government of Bombay has authorised the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, as a special case, to allow, in suitable cases, clubs, institutions, hotels, etc., to hold dances up to 4 a.m. on any two nights during the coming Christmas week, i.e., from December 24 to January 1, provided that no annoyance is caused to the residents of the localities where such functions are held. The Commissioner of Police may be approached for the necessary permission to hold such functions.

The Pulse Of The City

CHILLY POWDER: Three unidentified persons threw chilly powder on the face of a coolie who was carrying a parcel containing gold worth Rs. 25,000 and robbed him of the parcel and escaped. Later the gang went to a Marwari shop in Dongri and attempted to dispose of the gold. The Marwari suspected that it was stolen property and informed the police secretly. Before the police arrived, the gang suspected that something was wrong and left part of the goods at the shop and absconded.

ARRESTED: On a charge of misappropriating Rs. 5,000 belonging to a firm at Gadgadi, Bombay, Kantilal Bhai Shankar, a bill collector was arrested by the Pydhoni Police on Monday night.

MESMERIST ARRESTED: On a charge of cheating an ailing woman, a city mesmerist who claims to possess the cure-all for all evils and diseases by virtue of his spiritual powers, was arrested by the General Branch of the Bombay C.I.D. on Monday.

DEVELOPMENT: The Bombay Port Trust will shortly consider a proposal to transform the Prince's and Victoria Docks, Bombay into a single unit to allow for more shipping, it is learnt. The cost of the proposal is estimated at Rs. 4-1/2 crores and forms part of the Rs. 13 crore Port Development Scheme. It is understood that the plan will be implemented through the provision of a new lock.

DUPLICATION ATTEMPT: On a charge of cheating a person of Rs. 2,100, the Kalachowki Police arrested Rahimtoola Abdul Rahiman and two others. It is stated that the first suspect and another still at large received 21 currency notes of Rs. 100 denomination after making him believe that they could duplicate the amount, but they absconded with the money.

G.I.P. RAILWAY: The approximate earnings of the G.I.P. Railway for the month and to the end of the month of November 1950 amounted to Rs. 3,53,72,000 and Rs. 28,97,71,000 against the actuals of Rs. 3,75,75,000 and Rs. 28,20,93,000 respectively in the corresponding month of the last year.

FOOTBOARD TRAVELLERS: During the period of ten days from 20th November to 30th November 1950 the number of prosecutions launched against the footboard travellers on the Bombay Local Section and Broad Gauge Main Lines section was 34 and 12 respectively. The prosecutions resulted in the conviction of 32 persons. Cases against 14 persons are still pending.

During the same period on the G.I.P. Railway, the number of prosecutions launched against footboard travellers was 43. The prosecutions resulted in the conviction of 42 persons, who were fined Rs. 15/- each or in default one week's simple imprisonment and 1 person was acquitted.

NEW NAME: At an Extraordinary Generalbody meeting of the members of The Ganiga Yane Saphaliga Sangha, Bombay, held on Novmeber 26 the name of the Sangha, changed to "The Saphayla Seva Sangha" Bombay.

THEFT OF CLOTH

Cloth worth Rs. 20,000 was stolen yesterday when a godown in Chira Bazar was broken open by some unknown persons. The godown belonged to Vrajlal Babaldas Sha, a city businessman.

TODAY'S RADIO

Wednesday, Dec. 13.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

Bengali — 7-30 a.m., 1-30 p.m., English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 8, Gujarati—8-45 a.m. 7 p.m., 6-10, 8-15, Kannada—7-45 a.m., 3-15, Hindi—8-15 a.m. 1-45 p.m., Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m., Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m. 8 Tamil—7-15 a.m., 12-50. Telugu— a.m., 1-50 p.m., 7, Urdu—9 a.m., 8 p.m.

BOMBAY

244 m.—07-30 Subhashita, 07-35 Mangal smaran, 07-40 Prog. 07-45 Hindi lessons, G. 08-15 K. H. Khan, basant, 13-40 Radio variety, 14-00 Promenade concert, 16-20 School broadcast, 17-30 Malati N. Joglekar, marwa, 17-45 R. Joshi, G. songs, 18-10 M. Golwalkar, tar shahnai, 18-30 K. H. Khan, gauri, 19-00 R. Joshi, G. songs, 19-10 Locals, 19-30 Malati N. Gadgil, bihag, 19-45 For industrial workers, 20-30 C. Mody's G. talk "gnanno prakash", 20-40 Musical interlude, 20-45 Radio Orcho., 21-15 B. Manjrekar, ghorrakh kalyan, 21-30 Burl Ives, (Folk singer), 21-45 Frank Moraes, current affairs review, 22-00 Highlights of Russian opera.

VARIATIONS, 353m.—08-00 M. Golwalkar, tar shahnai, 08-45 G. S. Yellapurkar, songs, 12-45 Tantrakari, 13-00 Mishra sangeet, 13-50 Ragdari, 17-45 Shanta Shirali, K. songs, 18-00 Air Artist, M. pad, 18-20 For villages in M, and at 18-50 in K, 19-30 Commercial news, 20-15 Hindi lessons, M, 20-30 Malati Dandekar's M play, "Kapatache bakshis", 21-00 Balgandharva, M. songs, 21-30 Film songs, 21-45 M. Golwalkar, tar shahnai, 22-00 K. H. Khan, jog.

BARODA

250 m.—07-55 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 G. bhajans, 08-30 N. Patel, sitar, 18-30 N. Patel, sitar, 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15, T. R. Hussain, geets, 19-30 For women, G. 20-00 Film songs, 21-10 Locals, 20-30 Film songs, 21-15 N. Patel, sitar, 21-30 S. Gandhi's G. feature, "nirashrita". 21-45 G. geets.

AHMEDABAD

326 .1m.—07-55 Pratahsmaran, 08-15 S. Gundani, cl., vocal, 18-20 As in Baroda, 18-30 R. K. Karve, cl. vocal, 18-45 R. Vyas, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 As in Baroda, 19-30 For industrial workers, 20-00 Locals, 20-05 A. Patel, G geets, 20-30 R. K. Karve, cl. vocal, 21-15 Thumris, 21-30 As in Baroda.

Dutch Broadcasts For Indian Industry

Indian industry will be able to listen to a special and very interesting radio transmission on Tuesday, December 19 on the 19 and 25 metre bands at 16 O' Clock G.M.T. 21-30 Indian Standard Time) when Mr. John Warren, will visit one of the prominent Netherlands manufacturing enterprises, the N. V. Chemische Fabriek (Chemical Works) "Naarden" at Naarden and will tell Indian listeners what he sees in the perfume-composition—and flavouring materials departments, in the extensive plants for the production of glycerine, theobromine and caffeine and the many other factory departments, where 500 experienced workers are manufacturing the special products for the Indian market. A second contact between the Indian and the Netherlands' industries will be made on Monday December 25 via Radio Netherlands at 16 O'clock G.M.T. (21-30 Indian Standard Time) on shortwaves 19 and 25 metres bands, when a programme of Christmas greetings will be broadcast.

RIGHT TO MARRY AGAIN

Petition Rejected As Premature

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar).

Sarvadaman alias Vasant Shankar Ajgaonkar ..... Petitioner.

vs.

1. The State of Bombay
2. The District Superintendent of Police, Ratnagiri
3. The District Superintendent of Police Poona .....Respondents.

The petitioner, a Hindu, was married to one Sumati N. Desai. The petitioner alleged that after his marriage his wife confessed to him that prior to her marriage she had been leading the life of a prostitute and and that after her marriage also she once had intercourse with somebody for payment. The petitioner stated that he thereupon sent his wife back to her father's house and filed a suit against her in the District Court at Thana for divorce. The petitioner, however, apprehended that adultery not being a ground of divorce under the Hindu Divorce Act, the above facts might not constitute sufficient ground for divorce under that Act as in order to obtain divorce on the ground of prostitution, the petitioner would, in those proceedings, have to prove indiscriminate employment of her body for hire. The petitioner being a young man of 22 desired to marry another wife but was prevented from doing so by reason of the provisions of the Hindu Bigamous Marriages Act which made it an offence. He therefore filed the present petition for relief under Article 226 of the Constitution contending that in so far as the latter Act violated his fundamental rights of equality, freedom from discrimination. On grounds of religion only and freedom of religion under Articles 14 15(1) and 25 of the Constitution that Act was void.

Their lordships rejected the petition as premature on the ground that the petitioner having neither married again, nor having been threatened with prosecution for bigamy, could not maintain the present petition.

Mr. Phadke, Mr. Pranjpe and Mr M. P. Vyas appeared for the petitioner

B.P. Hindu Mahasabha

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay Provincial Hindu Mahasabha meeting was held on Sunday, at Damodar Hall, Parel, to elect the new office-bearers. Mr. N. D. Dange, pleader, was elected as President, Mr. Churi and Mr. Wagh as Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. S. Bhide Chief Secretary and Mr. L. G. Vinze as Treasurer for the coming year.

PARTNERSHIP DEED AT 'SEANCES'

High Court Grants Motion

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Jogendra Doulatram Amichand.... Plaintiff.

vs.

Yadvandan Kasirma Sapra .....Defendant.

An interesting motion in which the defendant who opposed it alleged that the Partnership Deed in suit had been put clause by clause to "the spirits" and was therefore not binding upon him, was heard by his Lordship on Monday. His Lordship granted the plaintiff's motion and appointed the Court Receiver to be Receiver of the partnership property with power to the Receiver to allow the defendant to run the business on such terms as the Receiver should think fit.

On 16th June 1950, the parties executed a Partnership Deed under which they were to carry on the business of imports and exports or such other business as might be agreed upon in the name of Hari Agencies Co. in equal shares. The partnership actually started business in cycles and cycle accessories. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant had refused him inspection of the books of account of the partnership, had wholly excluded the plaintiff from management and that the defendant had been doing away with the partnership assets with the object of going away to Delhi and settling there. The plaintiff therefore applied for a Receiver of the partnership assets and as an injunction restraining the defendant from disposing of those assets.

MEETING SPIRITS

The defendant who opposed the application alleged that in the middle of the year 1949 he had been introduced to one Minocher Jehangir Kapadia at the plaintiff's house as a person who could contact spirits and receive messages and was called "mahatma" by those around, that he used to attend "scance meetings" regularly at that place, that at one of these meetings a message from the "spirits" was communicated by Kapadia to the defendant that he should change the name of his business and take a partner and that the "spirits" suggested the name of the plaintiff as a partner and that thereafter a Partnership Deed was prepared and put at the "seances" clause by clause and the alterations suggested by the "spirits" as communicated by Kapadia incorporated in the Partnership Deed. The defendant, therefore, contended that the Partnership Deed was not binding upon him and should be cancelled and set aside. The defendant denied that he was disposing of the assets or that he intended to go away to Delhi and submitted that the plaintiff was not entitled to have a Receiver appointed.

Mr. J. R. Vimadalal instructed by Messrs. Romer Dadachanji Sethna & Co. appeared for the plaintiff in support of the Motion.

Mr. N. A. Mody instructed by Messrs. Kamdar & Co. appeared for the defendant to oppose the Motion.

TOBACCO MERCHANTS' GRIEVANCES

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A resolution strongly protesting against the action of the Central Excise authorities in issuing various restrictive orders "not in accordance with the Central Excise Act but in accordance with their Manual of Instructions" the provisons of which were "deliberately withheld from the trade and the public," was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Indian Tobacco Merchants' Association held here yesterday. Mr. Hasanali Saleh Mahomed presided.

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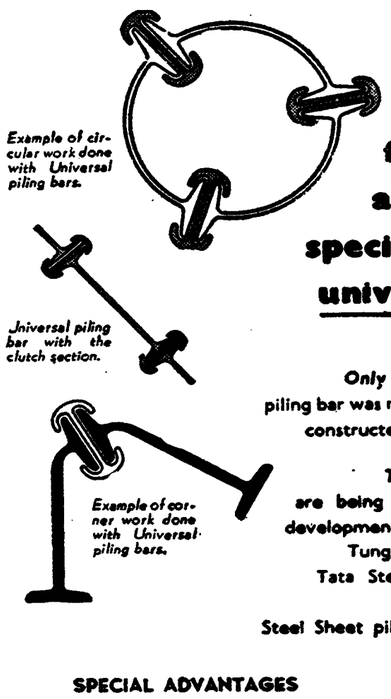
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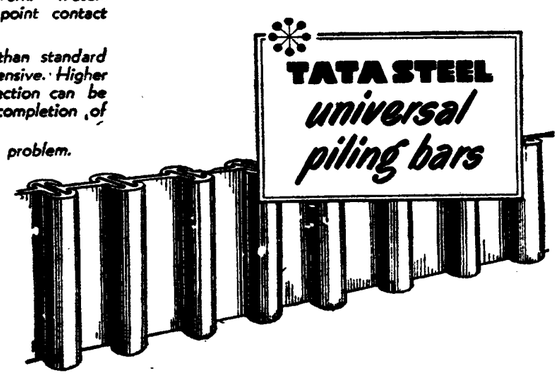

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RIGHT COURSE FOR CONGRESS

Profoundly disturbed by the rot that was creeping through it, many earnest well-wishers of the Indian National Congress had been urgently pleading with the High Command that purification of the organisation and its restoration to normal health could not be achieved by mere literal disciplinarianism. For, it is the way not to redemption but to disaster, to take unquestioningly to bosom all yes-men and to expel or otherwise repel all good Congressmen because they raise the voice of protest or even the standard of revolt in genuine despair. What is needed is serious, ruthlessly objective consideration of causes that are leading to a separation between life-long and literally dedicated Congressmen, and then an agreement over the right remedy regardless of all considerations save those of the good of the Congress and the traditions of national service established through so many long years of proud sacrifices and great achievements.

It is, therefore, very gratifying that the High Command at the last meeting of the Working Committee chose the Gandhian path of seeking settlement by negotiation and heart-to-heart discussion with leaders of the Democratic Front. It is a recognition of the fact that those Congressmen, as also actual seceders like Dr. P. C. Ghosh, are no less devotees of the Congress and its great principles and traditions than others: that they are risking a painful wrench from what they have cherished so long because of their genuine concern for it, and that they too have a case. This recognition has found expression in the latest public statements of the Congress President about the leaders of the Democratic Front and Dr. P. C. Ghosh. It is all extremely gratifying and justifies optimism over the future of the Congress whose present state has been causing deep pain and anxiety to many in the country. India needs today a Congress free of corruption and greed, free of impurities, whether material, moral or psychological; a Congress restored once more to that state of integrity and utterly self-less service that was its privilege and its glory under Mahatma Gandhi.

Claims And Clamour

Socialists believe in keeping themselves in the limelight. Hardly has the city recovered from the repercussions of the textile strike which did good neither to the party nor to the workers, the Socialists have taken upon themselves to advocate the case of disgruntled tenants and evicted dwellers from demolished hutments. In their usual fashion, they took out noisy "morchas" on the Corporation Hall and the Housing Commissioner's office on Monday. The slogans were "Give us Houses. Give us land and then demolish hutments" and "We shall not pay riot tax". The presence of the police kept the crowd in check and prevented any untoward incidents. Inside the Corporation their leader, Mr. G. G. Mehta, demanded the exemption from riot tax of the "middle and working class population, requisitioning of plots on which their owners refused to build houses within a specified time limit, finding alternative accommodation for tenants evicted under the Rent Act and the compulsory creation of Tenants Benefits Reserve Fund by the landlords. Mr. Mehta said that even a prisoner in jail gets 40 square feet space while many citizens hardly get 20 square feet. To ease the situation at least 2,50,000 new tenements would be necessary. Every one would be glad if the Socialists take up the legitimate grievances of tenants and agitate for their redress in the Corporation. But to demonstrate for things which fall outside the jurisdiction of the Municipality is not only pointless but mischievous. It is the unpleasant duty of the Municipality to keep unoccupied land clear of squatters and unauthorised structures have to come down in the general interest and health of the city. The Municipality cannot be expected to find houses and land for evicted persons before their unauthorised hutments are demolished. The problem is a part of the bigger problem and has to be tackled by the Government. In the meanwhile, the Municipality will be failing in its duty if it does not keep a check over these insanitary and unauthorised structures. It is no use demanding in the Corporation so many thousands of tenements because that body has neither the power nor the means to build such things. There is some point in bringing pressure on landlords who refuse to build on vacant plots and also for providing alternative arrangements for tenants evicted for repairs or reconstruction of buildings. No doubt proper attention would be paid to these by the authorities concerned. But to couple genuine grievances with impractical claims not only lessens the importance of the former but misleads ignorant public. Vociferous demonstrations may provide a good show but are hardly likely to be taken seriously when the Socialists pitch their demands ludicrously high and make them irrelevent.

Nepal And India

There is a lull in Nepal affairs. Reports from New Delhi indicate that no serious obstacles have appeared in the discussions between India and Nepal's representatives. Fortunately the issue is far from complicated. The Nepal Congress has not been successful this time in its attempt to use the King's flight to Delhi as the pivot of a general rising, and there might be an understandable tendency on the part of the Nepal Government to dismiss it is a negligible factor in Nepal politics. One might readily concede that the country as a whole is politically undeveloped. But at the same time it is well to remember that this state of affairs cannot in the present age remain very long and that it is desirable in the interests of the country as a whole to have the men in power associated with political development. We are still in the dark as to the reasons that impelled the King to leave his country but the representatives of the Nepal Government now in Delhi have had discussions with him. It should not be difficult to arrive at a settlement which will be acceptable to all parties. It should not be forgotten that the King is not the only Nepali political personality who has sought refuge in India and this itself is a permanent source of weakness in the Nepal Government.

The present discussions in Delhi offer an unrivalled opportunity for an all round solution of Nepal's political problem which should not be neglected. It requires two things to begin with: Firstly, some constitutional outlet must be provided for those who are dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs in Nepal. Secondly, the feud between the King and ruling class often violently fought out, must be laid at rest once for all. The first can be effectively brought about by allowing the development of political institutions in the country where the issues of the day can be freely discussed. We are not thinking so much in terms of constitutional reforms as of freedom of expression and of association. Reforms will grow out of these in their own time. The second is again dependent on a change of mood in the present administration. We do not know whether it will be possible for the King to return to his gaddi in Khatmandu. There are both the attitude of the Prime Minister and the willingness of the King to be considered in this matter. But his not returning should be made conditional on his own inclination rather than on the obstruction of the Prime Minister. This applies equally to the Crown Prince. The suggestion of a plebiscite seems neither practicable nor desirable. We have had the example of an advanced country like Belgium where such a procedure has raised several problems instead of settling all of them. And the conditions around Nepal today are so disturbed that any internal disturbance in Nepal will prove dangerous to that country and its people.

Finally, Nepal has traditional ties with India. But, apart from that, however unpleasant it might appear to deal with another nation on its border and in spite of the crudities of the kind of agitation that has been manifested in India, it is well worth considering by the Nepal Government that India is her nearest neighbour, can be capable of great generosity, and ought to be able to understand Nepal's peculiar difficulties better than any other foreign power. So far, generally speaking, India has acted with good sense and, one might infer from the slow progress of the present discussions, without any desire to force the pace of Nepal's politics. It might be helpful if India pursued a more positive policy in getting the different elements of Nepali public life together and she should do this rather than get herself involved in the internal problems of that State. Democracy, as has been frequently stated, is a necessity in the modern world. But before that the unity of the Nepali people and the security and integrity of the country must be brought about. It is to this task that the Government must address itself at the moment.

Thought For The Day

You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make earnest effort to confer that pleasure on others? You will find half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.

—*L. M. CHILD*

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

SHILLONG, December 11: Chinese troops operating in Tibet have been seen a few miles from the Indo-Tibetan frontier off Sadiya, in the norh-eastern tip of Assam, according to usually reliable reports received here. There has been no infringement of the Indian frontier so far.—P.T.I.

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LAKE SUCCESS: The chances of holding the next regular session of the U.N. General Assembly in Europe—probably in Paris—are increasing daily.

—PTI-Reuter.

And so are also increasing daily the chances of not holding any next regular session of the U.N. General Assembly anywhere at all.

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Addressing a press conference on Monday, Shri Purshottamdas Tandon expressed his sadness at Dr. P. C. Ghosh seceding from the Congress and added that personally he had great regard for Dr. Ghosh as "one of the best Congressmen" he had met.

It is certainly sad that "one of the best Congressmen" should have felt like seceding from the Congress.

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In the opinion of the Congress President control on sugar and gur was unnecessary because those products did not constitute important items of one's daily requirements.

What next, please?

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Shri Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia at Jaipur: "The Congress organisation today is in the position of a rickety boat being pulled in different directions by a number of oarsmen; it is bound to flounder. It would not have mattered if the fate of the Congress alone was involved. But in this case the fate of 350 million people was involved".

We are sure the "record gathering"—yes, of course, we are quoting the special release—demanded, by a show of both hands and with full throated unanimity that: We want Seth Dalmia, Dalmiaji Ki Jai.

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Despite, we read in the special release, despite his vehement opposition Shri Dalmia was taken out in a procession led by an elephant and several band parties.

Rejecting sternly a flippant interjection by the Junior Colleague, let us place on record our profound sympathy for poor Shri Dalmia that his opposition—and vehement at that—was rejected in favour of an elephant and several band parties.

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The huge crowd—the same special release, yes—which had assembled for the meeting at Manak Chowk burst into spontaneous cheers when Shri Dalmia was conducted to a 15-feet high rostrum.

The use of that word "spontaneous" nearly confirms our suspicion that the officer in charge of the Dalmia publicity is gifted with a sense of humour.

SHORTAGES THREATEN BREAKDOWN

BY JOHN KINGSLEY

ONE of the problems which faced President Truman and Mr. Attlee in their talks in Washington was the supply of raw materials for the defence programme of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

This was presumably one of the reasons why Mr. Attlee took with him Sir Edwin Plowden, the British Government's Chief Planning Officer, whose Department has been working out the economic requirements and consequences of the British rearmament programme.

It was significant, too, that Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, hurried back to London from a meeting of the O.E.E.C. Finance Ministers to have a talk with Mr. Attlee just before the British Prime Minister left for Washington. Important decisions had been taken at that O.E.E.C. meeting for international co-operation in the field of raw material supplies.

PRICES SOAR

The supply and price of the main industrial raw materials has recently become a matter of acute concern to the U. K. and other countries of Western Europe. The economies of these countries are fundamentally based on the import of food and raw materials and the export of manufactures.

A few months ago, just before the outbreak of war in Korea, it seemed as though the Marshall Plan countries were at last within reach of solving a great post-war problem: how to sell enough exports to pay for imports. Since the Korean war that problem has emerged again in a new form. The great increase in raw material prices in the last few months has seriously tipped the terms of trade against manufacturing countries—that is to say, still more exports have to be sent abroad to pay for the same amount of imports.

This sudden turn for the worse is most clearly seen in the U. K. Raw material price increases mean that the U.K. now has to export £6 worth of goods to pay for imports which £5 worth of exports would buy last year. This would mean an addition of over £500,000,000 to Britain's annual import bill to pay for the same volume of imports. The price index of imported raw materials had, by October 1950, increased by three-quarters since 1947, whereas the price index of all exports had increased by only 23 per cent since 1947.

DISTURBING TREND

The rise in world prices of raw materials is for the U. K. a most disturbing trend, coming after the inevitable increase due to devaluation. In fact, this world price inflation is having far deeper and swifter consequences on British economy than did the drastic devaluation of September 1949. In the nine months after devaluation, the price index for all British imports rose by one-fifth and a further 10 per cent in the first three months of the Korean war.

Though these effects are seen most sharply in British economy, they are also noticeable in the other manufacturing countries of Europe. Now, in addition to rocketing prices, there are widespread reports of shortages of some basic raw materials—shortages sufficiently acute to threaten a breakdown of supplies to factories.

What are the main causes of these developments?

STOCKPILING

There are not yet enough published statistics (the most recent U. K. figures for stocks are for August) to give a precise picture, but there have certainly been three main factors at work—stock-piling by Governments, stockpiling by industrialists and the running down of stocks in the hope that prices will fall later.

The biggest single factor seems to have been the building up of strategic reserve stocks by the U. S. Government, but some other Governments may have been stockpiling too. Some private industrialists have laid in stocks anticipating higher prices and a possible shortage. Others have been using old stocks bought at cheaper prices and waiting for a fall in prices before re-stocking. They are now confronted with a possible exhaustion of their stocks.

The building up of strategic reserves has exaggerated the excess of demand over supply and has clearly been the main reason for sky-high prices. This has obscured the question whether current consumption exceeds current production. In some but not all materials it does.

SHORTAGES

Here arises another cause of shortages—the rapid increase of manufacturing output both in America and in Europe due to the export drive by European countries, the revival of business confidence in the U.S.A. early this year, and now the rearmament boom. Industrial production in Britain is up eight per cent. compared with last year and there is consequent increased demand for raw materials.

One of the first shortages to show up in the U. K. as a result of expanding production was in coal and electric power.

Then, at the end of November, there were reports from the Midlands of factories which might have to close down for lack of zinc. This was averted by the Ministry of Supply releasing extra zinc to smelters. But the Ministry has had to cut zinc deliveries to consumers by about a quarter. A shortage of sulphur—obtained almost exclusively from the U.S.A.—and a threatened cut in U.S. exports have led to an unofficial rationing of sulphuric acid supplies by manufacturers.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has agreed that rearmament must not undermine economic stability. The high prices of raw materials, due largely to excessive stockpiling, threaten a new round of inflation. Shortage of raw materials threatens a sporadic breakdown in industry, involving a flow-down in output and rising costs of production due to the interrption of mass production flow. These are dangers which have made an international agreement on the distribution of key raw materials an urgent necessity.

INDUSTRIAL

FRANKLY SPEAKING

No Miracle Cure

Dr. C. V. Raman has used strong words in describing the "miracle cures" said to have been effected by Nepal Baba, the "wonder boy" who distributes free drugs in Rantalai. His wrath is aroused against those who have organised this as a "racket" playing upon the credulity of the sick and the maimed who are eager to try anything that promises them a cure for ills which have been given up as incurable. The Orissa Government has been trying its best to stop the mad rush of the people to the far away village where more people have died as a result of the epidemics spread by the infected than have been cured by the wonder drug. They have appointed a Committee of Enquiry which like all committees is taking its own time. In the meantime, a handle was given to the drug-propagandists by the report from Calcutta that the herb that was being distributed was "active", and that blood pressure was reduced, at least temporarily, in a case where it was administered to a cat. The learned scientists pointed out that the sample that was sent to them was too small to admit of extensive experiments. In that case, the scientists would have done a service if they had kept quiet, and waited for bigger samples before pronouncing an opinion which can be misinterpreted by interested parties. It is doubtful whether the words of Mr. C. V. Raman will be heard in the welter of hysteria. But the Orissa Government owes a duty to the public to prosecute those who exploit the ignorance of the sick and make money out of their sufferings.

The Jungle Girl

Bertha Hertogh, the 13-year old jungle girl who was brought up by a Malayan nurse and married a Malayan teacher, has created more sensation in Malaya than even the campaign of the guerillas. Religious passion has been aroused by the affair and the toll of deaths exacted by mass hysteria has now come to five with promise of an addition by renewed rioting. The Supreme Court has decided that the girl is to go to Holland, a decision which was anticipated and feared by the rioters who stoned the car of one of the judges on his way to the court to decide the case. The British authorities might very well have done without this fresh trouble, for the Malayan when aroused is capable of inflicting much harm; in fact the phrase "running amuck" originates from Malaya. It remains to be seen how far this incident will be exploited by the Communists who in spite or all the Marxian contempt for religion have always had an eye on this fruitful source of friction.

A National Asset

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has arrived in the city to recoup his health. The people had some vague idea that the Deputy Prime Minister was not doing very well, but they had no inkling that anything was seriously wrong until the report published yesterday suggested that the Sardar might be forced to take some prolonged rest in Bombay. Naturally, the anxiety will be shared by the whole nation for a life which has spared no pains in the service of the country. He has been overworking himself at a time when others think of retiring and leading a quiet life. Added to the cares of office have been the wranglings of Congressmen which must particularly pain one who has built up the organisation all throught the years and maintained it as one of the best machines for fighting a bureaucracy armed with every weapon of repression. The country cannot afford to lose the wise counsel of this man of iron, and he must persuade himself to conserve his energies for directing his policy. He should not be troubled with the routine affairs of the State, and his colleagues in the Government would do well to spare him from all petty details. Already, there is a Deputy Minister for Propaganda; the Home Portfolio has been managed by Sardar Patel so well that very little will be required of a successor to keep it in trim. In the circumstances, it would be a gain to the country if Sardar Patel remained at the helm of affairs as an elder statesman who advises rather than executes. His strength with them be conserved, and he might find time also to direct the affairs of the Congress organisation which has come to a sorry pass. The Sardar's life belongs to the nation and the country, therefore neither he nor his colleagues will be justified in frittering it away.

Fruits Of Devaluation

In the post-devaluation year,—October 1949 to September 1950—an article in the November issue of the Reserve Bank "Bulletin" reveals considerable improvement in India's balance of payments position with a current account surplus of the order of Rs. 65.9 crores during the period, compared with a deficit of Rs. 248.4 crores in the year before devaluation. In this connection, it may be asked whether to improve our economic state, devaluation was the only curative measure? It is a known fact that devaluation was forced upon by the United Kingdom Government as a result of a fast-deteriorating dollar exchange position. Devaluation in a country always encourages exports owing to cheapness of its goods in foreign markets and, with a devaluation of 30 percent in our rupee, there was a robust demand for our goods. On the other side, imports into a country after devaluation invariably fall off and we had to restrict our imports owing to prohibitive prices. This state is mainly responsible for the improved position of payments but we must not overlook the fact that exports must be regulated to keep enough stocks in the country for domestic requirements. We are exporting, on a rather large scale, cotton cloth when we have a very restricted supply of raw cotton. The demand was partly due to unduly low prices of raw cotton fixed by the Government and partly due to the devaluation of rupee. Thus there was a double attraction for our textiles. The Korean War has pushed up prices in world markets and naturally most of our prices being fixed are found profitable by importers. This is one of the main reasons for our improved export trade. On the other hand, we have to pay stiff prices for imports of food and we all know what we have had to pay for imports of sugar. Devaluation cannot have a lasting favourable effect.

KHARIF HARVEST IN FULL SWING

Crop Condition Report

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Cold was appreciably increasing throughout the Bombay State, during the week ended December 7. There was adequate supply of fodder and water throughout the State.

The harvesting of paddy was in progress in Kaira, Ahmedabad, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Poona, Dharwar, Belgaum and Bijapur Districts and was completed in Nasik, Thana, Bombay Suburban and Kolaba Districts, while the threshing of paddy was in progress in Surat, Broach and Thana Districts. The harvesting of groundnut was in progress in Broach, Surat, Kaira and Sholapur districts and was completed in Baroda and Satara South Districts, while that of kharif jowar was continued in East Khandesh, Satara South and Bijapur Districts. The threshing of bajri was in progress in Banaskantha District.

The marketing of paddy and gur was in progress in Nasik and Sholapur districts, respectively, and that of groundnut in West Khandesh and Nasik Districts.

SOWING OPERATIONS

The sowing of wheat was in full swing in Surat, Amreli, Kaira and Panchmahals Districts and was also continued in West Khandesh and Sholapur Districts and this work was completed in Banaskantha and Mehsana Districts.

Locust trouble continued in part of Banaskantha, Ahmedabad and Mehsana Districts. Otherwise no pest or diseases were reported from the State.

CEILING PRICE OF COTTONSEED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Government of Bombay had announced, a month ago, that it considered Rs. 8 per Bengal maund in the Northern and Central Divisions and Rs. 7 per Bengal maund in the Southern Division as the reasonable wholesale price of cottonseed for the current season, and it would, if the need arose, purchase stocks of the commodity at these rates. The Government has, on reconsideration, decided that these rates should be Rs. 10 and Rs. 9/- respectively.

BARODA WILL TIDE OVER FOOD CRISIS

Collector's Assurance

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Collector of Baroda stated at his monthly press conference, at Baroda, yesterday, that though the food situation in the district was not very satisfactory, the district was receiving its food allotments regularly and that there was no cause for anxiety regarding the immediate supplies.

He disclosed that out of the allotments of 13,500 maunds of overseas wheat and 24,300 maunds of milo, the district had already received 2,700 maunds of wheat and 5,400 maunds of milo, while some more quantities were in transit. The Collector stated that the present stocks and the expected arrivals were expected to last the current month and some surplus stocks of rice would be carried over to the next month.

NO NIGHT SHOWS: The three cinema halls of Barisal town have stopped their night shows since December 5, last, in obedience to the direction of the local authorities following the breaking out of cholera and small pox epidemics in the town and its adjacent areas

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Eviction Of Ex-Service Man

I have read with great interest Mr. Das Gupta's letter which appeared in the "Bombay Chronicle". Like Mr. Gupta, I have followed very closely the drama of the Eviction of this Ex-Service Man in question, Mr. H. Cahill, which your Paper gave so much publicity to, backed up by Photographs so cleverly taken and produced that it looked more like a Play rather than a Drama in real life.

I agree with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Gupta and would be privileged to contribute to the proposed Fund of this unfortunate Ex-Service Man. I feel sure that there are many, others who would be glad to do so.

At the same time, I would draw your attention to one important fact, these Evictions are certainly no job for the Military. The merits or demerits of Mr. Cahill's Eviction is another story, which in fairness to both parties should be decided by the Civil Courts, in which event, the Bailiff of the Court would be the right person to carry out the Eviction. If this was done the press and the public would be satisfied that justice had been done and there would be very little to comment on.

When the Military carried out this eviction, they lowered the prestige of the Army, brought themselves into the lime-light of an unpleasant mess as a harsh body of men lost all public support and put themselves up for ridicule. This does not do our Army any good an Army whom we look up to as a fine body of men, the de-fenders of our country.

We sincerely hope that the Military will cease any further Evictions unpleasant at the best of times, and hand them over to a more competent authority, our Civil Courts of Law.

—D. R. MAHARESH.

Dacoits And Doctors

Regarding reports published in your paper about a dacoity in my house at Ghatkopar last month I am sending the following information for public attention.

Seven or eight dacoits broke open the door of my house at 2 a.m. and started assaulting me and my family with sticks and iron bars. They removed by force ornaments from my wife and beat us mercilessly when we resisted. Even our little children got some blows. The dacoits ransacked our house and took away all valuables and four trunks leaving us bruised and bleeding. Inspite of our loud cries for help no neighbour came to our rescue. After the departure of the dacoits neighbours came on the scene and instead of pursuing the dacoits went for the police and medical aid. The police came soon but not the doctors. Two of them refused to come and the third, who did come, did not even give us first aid or attend to the children. He coolly advised our removal to a hospital which was done. The doctors did not attend to us, because apparently they feared that they would be involved in length police and court proceedings and did not want their practice to suffer. It is a matter of public importance that the conduct of these doctors should be brought to public notice.

—LOKRAM PESUMAL DODEJA

Tram-Bus Strike

According to a Press report the B.E.S.T. Committee has decided to pay compensation and allowances amounting to Rs. 43,345 to the staff of the BEST undertaking who worked on August 31—the day of the Socialist-sponsored general strike in Bombay. It is significant that this report appears on the same day and alongside the report of the lightning strike staged by the tram and bus drivers and conductors on December 4, and I am tempted to ask the B.E.S.T Committee whether they are going to impose any punitive cuts and fines on them for holding up the tram and bus traffic so arbitrarily on that day as also on the day of the previous lightning strike which together deprived the Bombay public of all facilities of travel by trams and buses for many hours. In fact, these lightning strikes are worse than a duly notified strike however objectionable that may be in the case of an essentially public utility concern like the B.E.S.T. undertaking and it is upto the authorities concerned to take serious notice of the same. Will the B.E.S.T. Committee inform the public what they propose to do in the matter?

—SHANKERPRASAD S. NANAVATY.

OF ALL THINGS

And The King Was Cured

IF you happen to walk along a street in China on the Chinese New Year day, you will find new images of two solemn-faced individuals in battle dress pasted on all the doors. The images are of the Twin Door Gods of the Chinese, and the Chinaman believes, with a religious devotion that this couple of martial deities guard the house from evils and evil-doers.

Once upon a time (the legend goes) the great Emperor of China T'ang T'aitsung fell ill. His sickness waxed and waned with the moon and made the great emperor very depressed at heart. The Imperial patient became sicker every day and soon was victim of hallucinations.

He began hearing strange sounds and noises in his chamber and imagined demons and genii visiting his room, laughing devilishly and rampaging merrily. This made His Imperial Majesty the worse.

Eminent physicians from all over the land were hastily summoned to attend on the patient. They came, examined him and conveniently dismissing the visitation of demons as dreams of a fevered mind, administered medicines.

The physicians departed. But the emperor continued hearing weird voices. He insisted that the doctors were wrong and the demons were real.

Anxious to aid the recovery of the royal personage, two loyal ministers of the Court, Ch'in Shu-pao and Hu Ching-te volunteered one day to stand guard outside the chamber door and act as bodyguards of His Majesty so that he may be free from harm.

Throughout that night they stood vigil at the door and night after night then, they stuck to their posts as sentries. His Majesty slept well and gathered strength.

Soon he was on the road to recovery and hence, he relieved the ministers of their duties as bodyguards, but had their portraits painted and pasted on both sides of his chamber door!

Thus (says the legend) began the Chinese cult of the Twin Door Gods.

No Cease-Fire In Korea

RED CHINA WANTS A STIFF PRICE

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter).

HOPES for an early cease-fire in Korea began to fade today as it became apparent that the Chinese People's Republic intended to exact a stiff price for temporary peace.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky Soviet Foreign Minister, was reported to have told a Latin American diplomat that Chinese troops might be withdrawn from Korea provided the Peking Government was given an "equal voice" in the settlement of the Formosan question.

These and similar terms had already been broached by the Communist Government's semi-official and official talks with the Indian representative in Peking.

They have also been "privately" circulated in United Nations circles by Soviet delegates. They are only a slight modification of the original terms circulated by Peking two weeks ago.

LAST-MINUTE DIFFERENCE

Last minute disagreement which has arisen among the 13 countries which are now sponsoring a cease-fire appeal appears to centre largely around one main point of contention.

This is briefly, that a settlement in Korea should be negotiated within the framework of two other problems: Chinese Communist membership in the United Nations: the future of Formosa.

American circles while viewing the efforts of "the thirteen" with sympathy, still maintain the position that Korea should be treated as a separate problem and not as a bargaining pawn for wider issues.

An American spokesman said today: "First things come first. Chinese intervention in Korea must be stopped before we discuss any other question.

U. N. COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

The United Nations Political Committee today adjourned until tomorrow its debate on Korea after discussing a six power resolution calling for the withdrawal of Chinese Communist troops and a Soviet counter resolution demanding the withdrawal of American and Allied forces.

Dr. Malik of the Lebanon declared that war or peace depended upon the independence of China.

"Only an independent and free China can restore the balance of power to the Orient and help restore the balance of power of the rest of the world" he said.

PURSUE RUTHLESSLY: KIM'S CALL

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): The North Korean Prime Minister Kim Ir Sen has appealed to Koreans not to give retreating United Nations forces any breathing space and to "destroy the enemy wherever he appears", the East German news agency reported today.

In a message on Friday on the re-occupation of the North Korean capital Pyongyang two days earlier, Kim Ir Sen declared guerillas were "attacking the enemy in every corner south of the 38th parallel". "The aim of the American brigands who hoped to annex our motherland and conquer our people in a speedy war has thus been smashed," he said.

Refugees On Hunger-Strike

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12: It is understood that several refugees are on hunger-strike near Ahmedabad. The district magistrate stated that if the government paid a lakh of rupees it would be possible to distribute this as loan among the refugees. Demonstrations were held today by the refugees and a deputation was to meet the district magistrate.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

New York Cotton March

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

Previous closing	41.71
Today's opening	41.42
Difference	29
Today's Closing	41.38
Difference	—33

Stop Press

U.S. CASUALTIES IN KOREA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): United States marine headquarters today scaled down its estimates of casualties in the breakout from the Chinese Communist encirclement in North east Korea.

The marines put the figure at 3,000 to 3,300 and said it included those disabled by silness and exposure.

MRS. PANDIT MEETS ACHESON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to the United States, met the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, for half an hour here today. Mrs. Pandit refused to disclose the reason for the visit which was made at her request.

If Only India's Suggestion Had Been Accepted!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Owen Littimore, the Johns Hopkins University expert on Far Eastern affairs, said in an interview yesterday that the U. S. committed an act of "unsound diplomacy" when shortly after the outbreak of the Korean war it rejected India's attempt to localise hostilities.

The attempt made personally by the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Nehru was discussed in notes between Mr. Nehru and the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

In a copyrighted interview in the U. S. News and World Report, an independent weekly news magazine Dr. Lattimore said: "I think a mistake was made in clapping down the Indian suggestion last summer. I think that that Indian move was somewhat misrepresented as an offer to mediate.

"My understanding was that the Indians were not offering to mediate but they were suggesting that while they supported resistance to aggression in Korea they believed that diplomatic discussions should be opened up parallel to the military action.

PLANS FOR A NEW WAR

"Pravda" On Talks In Washington

LONDON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter).—President Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee agreed in their Washington talks last week to continue the war in Korea said "Pravda", Soviet Communist Party newspaper quoted in a Tass message received in London yesterday.

"Pravda" said their communique showed how far present Anglo-American plans for a new war actually went and added that they agreed to increase their armed forces and arms production.

U. N. Inquiry Into P. O. Ws

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 11 (PTI): The Social Committee of the General Assembly by a vote of 43 to five with eight abstentions decided today to appoint a three-man commission to investigate the question of prisoners taken in World War Two who have neither been repatriated nor otherwise accounted for.

Voting against the resolution were the Soviet Union and four eastern European states.

Abstaining were Syria, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Guatemala and Iran.

Pointsman Convicted

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 12 (PTI): Badri Nath, thirty-year-old pointsman of Bilga Railway Station on East Punjab Railway was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment today by Chaudhri Amar Singh, Magistrate. He was charged with having attempted to derail a passenger train.

An accident was averted on July 20 by the timely application of brakes by the driver of 416 Down passenger train.

News BRIEFS

DOTORATE: President Rajendra Prasad will be conferred an honorary degree of doctorate by the Punjab University at its third convocation to be held here on January 6 next.

The local bodies of Ambala District will present a joint civic address to the President on the occasion of his visit.

LAND ACQUISITION: The Punjab Government have so far acquired 1,600 of the 10,000 acres of land in the Chandigarh area for the proposed new State capital. Plans for construction of the capital are expected to be taken in hand after the return of the Government-sponsored delegation which is touring Europe to engage foreign architects for the purpose.

WILD LIFE: The Madras Government propose to appoint an expert committee to advise them on the preservation of wild life in the State, Mr. N. Sanjiva Reddi, Prohibition Minister in charge of Forests, said in the Assembly on Tuesday. There is at present only one wild life sanctuary in Madras and this is situated at the Mudumalai Forests, Nilgiris.

LIBRARIES: The Hyderabad Government have opened fifty libraries in various parts of the State to help those who became literate as a result of the "literacy drive" launched by the Inspectorate of Adult Education. Thirty of the newly-opened libraries are in the rural areas of the State. The State Government is spending about Rs. 1,15,000 annually on the "literacy drive."

SCHEDULED CASTES: Mr. T. H. Sonavane, M.P., Secretary of the Bombay Depressed Classes League in a statement says that from the figures of the voters of the Scheduled Castes in the Bombay State, it appears that the Scheduled Castes adult voters, men and women, have not come on the electoral rolls in fair proportion to their population.

Rents Controls Act

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

All the provisions of Part II of the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control Act, 1947, have been applied, with effect from December 6, to the Talegaon Dabhade Municipal area, in the Poona District, in respect of all premises let for residence, business, trade or storage.

Workers' Satyagraha

POONA, Dec. 12 (PTI): Workers of the Maharashtra Sugar Mills at Shrirampur in Ahmednagar District began a satyagraha yesterday demanding reinstatement of dismissed workers, in accordance with the call of the Socialist-led Sugar Workers' Federation, state reports received here.

Kisans' Rally

SURAT, Dec. 12 (PTI): About two thousand people took part in a kisan march organised by Mr. Indulal Yagnik, President of the Gujerat Provincial Kisan Sabha.

With flags and placards, the kisans paraded the main thoroughfare of the town before gathering in a rally. Mr. Yagnik addressing it said: "Fight all the evils including the evil of a bad government".

D.P.s ON HUNGER-STRIKE

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12 (UPI:) Five refugees have resorted to hunger-strike before the Collector's Office since yesterday. They contend that although their loans have been sanctioned long ago they have not yet received money and consequently they have to starve as they cannot do any business without money.

Foreign Ministers To Meet

LONDON, Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter): The Big Three Western Foreign Ministers will meet separately in Brussels next week following the meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council, usually well informed sources said in London today.

Mr. Acheson, Mr. Bevin and M Schuman will take the opportunity of this meeting for a renewal of their periodical contacts. The last was held in New York in September.

U.N. Talks On Korea

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moment an assurance that the Peking Government desires a peaceful settlement and since the rest of us desire a peaceful settlement—if it can be achieved on just and honourable terms—the best thing is to make an earnest attempt for this purpose".

Mr. Rau, introducing the first resolution, said: "It was from this point of view that the resolution has been introduced".

He pointed out that the resolution did not call for the reimposition of a cease-fire order.

He felt it would be better, in the first instance, to have an exploratory procedure of the kind embodied in this resolution.

Mr. Rau said: "How long the exploratory process will take we cannot tell. But such a process would be necessary in any case even if we made a recommendation for a cease-fire immediately, because such details as the hour and date would require some preliminary exploration.

"No time would, therefore, really be lost by having an exploration first and the actual cease-fire order afterwards."

FORMOSA

Referring again to his talks with General Wu, Mr. Rau said: "In the course of my conversations which extended to Korea and other issues, the representatives of Peking asked me what I thought of the Formosa question.

"I told them frankly the Indian position, namely that the declarations of Cairo and Potsdam should be carried out.

"I also told them, as I understood it, that the position of the United States as set out by President Truman was similar.

"That position was temporarily modified in June, but the President made it clear on August 31 that the United States Seventh Fleet would be withdrawn from Formosa when the Korean conflict was settled.

"As no statement to the contrary was made since then, it was to be assumed that this was still the position of the United States."

SECOND RESOLUTION

Introducing the second resolution sponsored by twelve powers, Mr. Rau said the only point left open was the membership of the proposed group.

These had been left unspecified, the idea being that they should be determined by the Political Committee itself.

Mr. Rau said that in his view one of the members of the groups should be a representative of the Chinese People's Republic.

Another suggestion was that the group should include France, Britain, the United States, Soviet Russia, Egypt and India.

Mr. Rau then asked the Committee to give priority to the 13-nation resolution which asked for a study of a cease-fire proposal.

Despite Mr. Rau's request for priority, the Byelo-Russian delegate was given the floor and began a long accusation against "American aggression."

M. Jacob Malik (Soviet Union) said he saw no reason why special priority should be given to one resolution over another.

"It is proper", he said, "to continue the discussion in the order begun and after that to vote the resolutions in the sequence submitted."

Yugoslavia and Syria both supported priority in accordance with Mr. Rau's request.

U. S. SUPPORT

The United States delegate announced that he would vote for the 13-nation cease-fire resolution in the Political Committee, adding that he assumed the other steps outlined in the resolution would not be taken until the basis and the fact of cease-fire had been established.

The Political Committee adjourned until tomorrow without voting on the resolution sponsored by 13 Asian and Middle Eastern nations.

13-NATION CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): The texts of the two resolutions dealing with Korea introduced today into the United Nations Political Committee were:

The first—sponsored by Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen— "The General Assembly viewing with grave concern the situation in the Far East, anxious that immediate steps should be taken to put an end to the fighting in Korea itself and that further steps should then be taken for a peaceful settlement of existing issues in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

"Requests the President of the General Assembly to constitute a group of three persons including himself to determine the basis upon which a satisfactory cease-fire in Korea can be arranged and to make recommendations to the General Assembly as soon as possible".

SECOND RESOLUTION

The second resolution was sponsored by the same countries except for the Philippines. It reads: "The General Assembly viewing with grave concern the situation in the Far East and considering that the continuance of this situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of world peace and security, recommends that the representatives of the following Governments (names to be inserted later) shall, as soon as possible, meet and make recommendations for the peaceful settlement of existing issues in accordance with the purposes of the United Nations".

(The names of the representatives were not listed pending the Assembly selection of them).

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): The U.S. Senate approved today and sent to the House a bill authorising up to fifty million dollars in food aid for drought-stricken Yugoslavia.

'Scorched Earth' Arouses Wrath

KOREA, Dec. 12, (PTI-Reuter).

British officers in Korea are very critical of the way in which thousands of dollars worth of military equipment, rations, ammunition and petrol were destroyed in and around Pyongyang.

Trained in a hard school where rations and equipment had been issued sparingly and taught to preserve even the smallest nut and bolt, the sight of thousands of gallons of petrol going up in flames, thousands of tons of ammunition being blown up, and a great number of destroyed jeeps and trucks had aroused their indignation.

450,000 TONS MORE OF IRON & STEEL

Expansion Schemes

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): Implementation of expansion schemes of the main producers in iron and steel in India would increase the installed capacity of the industry by 450,000 tons.

This was revealed in the course of discussion by the planning Commission here last Saturday with the representatives of manufacturers and Government on development programme for iron and steel industry.

The meeting stressed the need for financial assistance by the Government for the successful implementation of these projects, which are estimated to cost in all about Rs. 33 crores.

Discussions at the meeting showed the total capital investment of the main iron and steel producers in India is Rs. 68.2 crores. The skilled and the semi-skilled workers employed in the industry number 58,000.

RAILWAY REGROUPING FAVOURED

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12: The Central Advisory Council for Railway will meet here on December 16, Transport Minister Gopalaswamy Ayyangar presiding. The council inter alia will discuss the scheme for the regrouping of railways.

The scheme, it will be recalled, was circulated last summer for eliciting opinion. They have now been tabulated and will be placed before the council. The concensus of opinion it is understood, favours regroupine.

Socialist Opinion Divided On Akali's Demand

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LUCKNOW, December 12.

THERE is a sharp cleavage of opinion in the High Command of the Socialist Party on the issue of the Akali demand for the creation of a Punjabi-speaking province.

Acharya Narendra Dev, Chairman of the National Executive of the Socialist Party of India with some other leaders of the Party is understood to be of the opinion "that there should be one united strong province of Punjab on the border of India and any proposal aimed at further division of Punjab is fraught with danger."

These leaders support the plea that Punjabi should be the language of the Punjab.

Another school of opinion led by Mr. Jayaprakash Narain pleads for the support of the Akali demand for the creation of a separate Punjabi-speaking province. They argue that the Socialist Party is wedded to the linguistic redistribution of the country. The Punjabi-speaking area is distinctly separate in this content.

On the other hand, it is understood that the section led by Acharya Narendra Dev opposes the contention of the Jayaprakash group as the former feels that there should not be weak pockets on frontiers which will endanger national security. As for the contention that the Sikhs' legitimate aspirations should be fulfilled, the Narendra Dev group feels that by conceding their demand of making Punjabi as the language of the Punjab, they will be very much contended. Hindi, it is felt, should, however be the national language in Punjab too as in other parts of the country.

The National Executive of the Party will consider the whole issue when it meets next, it is learnt.

U.S. Rocket Fizzles Out

NEW MEXICO, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): The sixth viking rocket to be fired by the United States Navy fizzled out today when an attempt was made to beat the world altitude record of 114 miles for a one-stage rocket.

The fifty-foot-long viking cut itself after 65 seconds of flight—just ten seconds short of a new record. The 114-mile record was set on December 17, 1946 by a German v-2.

CRASH KILLS SEVEN

WELLINGTON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Seven members of the crew of a Royal New Zealand Air Force Catalina flying boat were killed today when the machine crashed on takeoff from an island in the Samoan group.

The eighth member of the crew and the several passengers escaped without serious injury, but the flying boat was a total loss.

SIEGE OF BIRATNAGAR GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

Insurgents Cut Off Electric Supply

PATNA, Dec. 12 (PTI): The siege of the residence of the Governor of Biratnagar by the insurgents continued for the third day today with intermittent exchange of fire from both sides, according to Nepali Congress reports received here this evening.

About five hundred armed insurgents who have laid the siege tightened the cordon round the Governor's residence today and cut off its electric supply, the reports added.

"MILK"

Skim Milk Powder Permits for 1951 will be issued from 2nd January, 1951, at the Government Skim Milk Powder Depot, Cricket Club of India, Churchgate, Bombay.

Holders of Skim Milk Powder Permits are informed that when they go for drawing their quota of Skim milk powder in the 2nd fortnight of December 1950, they should surrender their current permits and obtain a receipt for the same and call for the new permits in the 1st fortnight of January 1951 on the date when their quota is due on the permit.

Permits which are registered at the Government Skim Milk Powder Depots at Kurla and Bandra should be surrendered at these depots during the 2nd fortnight of December 1950 and new permits will be issued against them from the milk powder depot, Cricket Club of India, Churchgate, Bombay, during the first fortnight of January, 1951.

FROM THE BATTLEFRONT

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gol Cavalry now faced the United Nations forces.

More troops in Manchuria were ready to cross the Yalu river to reinforce the present enemy armies numbering over a quarter of a million men, the communique added.

The main United Nations forces in north-west Korea were tonight just below the 38th parallel separating North from South Korea.

They were waiting at their guns for a possible Chinese and North Korean attack on their defence arc covering Seoul, the Southern capital 30 miles south of the parallel.

The Chinese were known to be massing division on division in great concentration around Koksan, 50 miles to the north building up supplies by camel and horsetrack and moving at night to avoid air attack.

The riddle of the United Nations was expected to be solved soon.

CHINESE MAY NOT CROSS

Formations up to divisional strength sparred briefly between the two main forces just along the parallel today but no sustained action was reported. Americans clashed with North Koreans at two places in the centre of the peninsula.

This added weight to American intelligence reports that the Chinese themselves would not cross into South Korea in face of United Nations demands, but might let the rebuilt North Korean army invade the south again.

Over on the east coast, the American and small British forces confined in the Hungnam perimeter stood firm with their backs to the sea waiting for the converging Chinese force of nearly one hundred thousand men to close in around them.

An armada of United Nations warships stood by offshore for possible evacuation—which some unconfirmed frontline reports said had already begun.

United Nations bombers and six-hundred-mile-an-hour fighters resumed their round the clock raids on Chinese Communists in the north-west switching the full weight of their attacks to this front after covering the Anglo-American withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir in the north-east.

NORTH KOREAN CLAIMS

LONDON: Tass quoted a North Korean communique issued on December 6 which claimed that from November 25 to the beginning of December 23,700 United Nations officers and men were killed wounded or taken prisoner by the Korean Peoples Army and Chinese "volunteer units" on the western front.

American Second and 25th Infantry Divisions sustained heavy losses about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Pyongyang, the communique said.

The bulk of three South Korean divisions were "encircled and annihilated".

On the western front, part of the American Ninth and Twenty-third regiments of the Second Division, the Twenty-Fourth regiment of the Tweny-Fifth Division and the Turkish Brigade were wiped out in the area south-west of Kunuri, after fierce fighting, the communique claimed.

The communique claimed one company of Thirty-fifth Regiment of the Twenty-Fifth American Division surrendered.

Pen pictures of rejoicing in cities of China over the entry into Pyongyang were given today in a New China News Agency report received by PTI-Reuter.

In far away Sian in the north-west of China where many races meet, "delegates to the conference of women of all nationalities embraced each other on hearing the news. Citizens of Sian were making silk banners for the heroic liberators", the New China News Agency said.

In Tisua, Sinkiang the Committee of the Sinkiang Peoples Democratic League "immediately organised a publicity team to carry the news to the Moslem community in the suburbs".

An address to thousands who braved the rain to celebrate in Shanghai, Chairman of the Shanghai Trade Union Guild, Liu Chang Sheng said: "We shall maintain our support to the Chinese people's volunteers and the Korean People's Army so that the American invaders can be given a still bigger trouncing".

ANKARA: The Turkish National Assembly by 311 votes against 40 today voted a motion approving the government's decision to send troops to Korea.

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Combined Railways A Tame Opposition

I.H.F. XI WIN BY FOUR GOALS TO NIL

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE Indian Hockey Federation's XI that will tour Kenya played their penultimate exhibition game at the Cooperage this evening against a Combined Railways XI, namely, the G.I.P. and B.B. and C.I., and won by four goals to nil.

The Railways were completely outpaced by superior stickwork and better combination. A much bigger tally should have resulted but Donnelly in the Railway goal did effect some good saves. Munir and Siddique impressed in a subdued attack. Lal Mahomed held the defence well.

As for the Indian representative side, Dubey, Babu, Gentle and Cladius played their usual games, but this match served to bring out the potentialities of Hardayal the centre forward, in as much as he seems to be a great opportunist, and a goal getter.

The game itself was run at a very fast pace. The I.H.F. side opened their account in the fifth minute through Rajgopal and five minutes later, Hardayal dribbled his way in to beat Donnelly and score his sides second goal.

Somehow, the Railway made desperate attempts to break through, but they were unable to get past the I.H.F.'s deep defenders Gentle and Wahidullah. I.H.F. crossed over with a lead of two goals.

The Railway kept up their spirits and did break away. Munir tried to go through on his own, but he had the difficult task of eluding Deshamuttu, who, however, proved safe.

I.H.F. scored twice again in the second session through Hardyal and Rajgopal.

The teams were: -

I.H.F. XI:— Deshmuttu; Wahidullah, Gentle; Cladius, Pereira, Perumal; Dube, Babu, Hardayal Singh, Rajagopal, Gurbachan Singh.

COMBINED RAILWAY'S XI:— Donnelly; Lal Mahomed; Gangaram, Mulla. Pyarelal, Quayyum; A. Fernandes. Rozario, Siddique, Munir, G Fernandes.

FINAL EXHIBITION GAME

To-morrow. Wednesday the I.H.F. XI will play their final exhibition game at the Cooperage against a Bombay XI and probably a keen and exciting game is expected.

The Bombay XI will be selected from among the follwoing.

BOMBAY XI:—.S. Menezes; O. Ferreira. Henry Carvalho; Albert Middlecoat, Amir Kumar, R. Fernandes; L. Vaz, K. L. Febour, A. Braganza, F. Coutinho.

Reserves: W. D'Souza, C. Gomes, J. D'Mello, Poonawalla, L. Fernandes.

GOALLESS DRAW

Earlier in the evening Black Spiders and Bombay City 'B' were concerned in a goalless draw in the second division of the league.

In the Collegiate Hockey League Elphinstone College collected full points as their opponents Wilson College failed to turn up, conceeding a walk over.

Third Division Hockey League

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The fourth string of the G.I.P. Railway playing their Third Division Hockey League match this evening at the Parsi Cyclists ground, defeated the Chartered Bank Sports Club by two goals to nil. Morriss and D'Souza enabled the Railway side to gain full points.

In the other match in the same division played on the ground, Garrage and Loco (G.I.P.) team got the better of their opponents, the Dixon Sports Club by the solitary goal scored in the course of the evening's play by A. D'Souza.

B. S. A. A. A. AFFILIATED TO A. A. F. I.

BOMBAY, Tuesday:

The 6-month-old Bombay State Amateur Athletic Association has received official blessing of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India, national body controlling Athletics.

The affiliation of the B.S.A.A.A. to the A.A.F.I. received today by the secretary of the local body crowns one-month-long negotiations for affiliation and terminates the control over athletics of the Bombay Provincial Olympic Association

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

2-45 p.m. Sydenham vs. Khalsa (Inter College).

3-45 p.m. B.P.T. 'B' vs. Dockyard 'B' (Second Division).

5 p.m. I.H.F. XI vs. Bombay XI (Exhibition).

Parsi Cyclists Ground

3-30 p.m. Telephone Club vs. Ordinance Sports Club; 4-10 p.m. Blue Wizards 'B' vs. National Bank S.C. (Third Division).

BILLIARDS

Byculla Y.M.C.A.

6 p.m. P. S. Modi (-150) vs. D. A. Ferreira (-125)

—(Abe Sequeira Cup)

CRICKET

Elphinstone College Ground, Oval

10-30 Siddharth College vs. Ruia College (Final of the Inter-Collegiate Tournament).

DROBNY WINS TITLE

Kovaleski Beaten In Asian Tennis Final

LAHORE, Dec. 12.

The following are the results of finals of the Asian Lawn Tennis Championships played here today:—

Men's Singles.

Drobny (Egypt) beat Kovaleski (America) 6—4, 3—6, 6—4 6—3.

Women's Singles

Miss Dorothy Head (America) beat Mrs. Mottram (Britain) 4—6, 6—2, 6—3.

VETERAN'S SINGLES: M. D. Mirza beat Dickenson 9—7, 6—3.

Mixed Doubles final between Mrs. Anderson and Drobny versus Mr. and Mrs Mottram and Veterans Doubles final will be played tomorrow.

NARESH AND MADAN IN LAST EIGHT

Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12, (PTI):— Naresh Kumar and K. B. Madan entered the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships this evening beating S. Bose at 6/3, 6/2 and L. W. Tiers at 6/0, 6/1 respectively. Rajen Banerji, the Uttar Pradesh champion, also entered the quarterfinals at the cost of R. F. Stroud at 6/2, 6/2.

Sumant Misra and Dilip Bose qualified for the semi-finals of the mehs doubles beating D. R. Bhasin and G. Birla at 6/4, 6/2.

The following are the results:—

Men's Singles (Third Round):— Rajen Banerjee beat R. F. Stroud 6/2, 6/2, K. B. Madan beat S. Bose 6/3, 6/2; Naresh Kumar beat L. W. Tiers 6/0, 6/1; T. Shewramani beat J. Withnell 6/2, 6/4.

Men's Doubles (Second Round): R. F. Stroud and J. Charanjiva beat E. Abrecht and J. Withnell 6/3, 4/6, 6/4; Quarter-Final:— Sumant Misra and Dilip Bose beat D. R. Bhasin and G. Birla 6/4, 6/3, P. N. Murti and L. W. Tiers beat I. Alexy and S. N. Raina 6/3, 6/4.

Ladies Singles (Second Round): Mrs. C. E. Cargin beat Miss Human 6/2, 6/4.

Mixed Doubles (Second Round): P. N. Murti and Miss Davar beat J. Savedra and Mrs. Lamont 6/2, 6/1; K. B. Madan and Mrs. S. R. Mody beat F. C. Wells and Mrs. Aust 6/4, 6/2.

Soccer Casualty

MOMBASA (Kenya) Dec. 11 (PTI-Reuter): Because they did not have six pence to get in to see a soccer match between a Swedish touring team and Kenya Europeans several African boys climbed a tree outside the ground here today.

A branch broke and they fell on to a parked car. One boy was killed and several injured, two seriously.

MADRAS WIN ON 1ST. INNINGS

Adisesh Hits Up Unbeaten 89

BANGALORE, Dec. 12 (PTI).

At the end of the four-day South Zone cricket match for the Ranji Trophy here today Madras won over Mysore mainly on account of their first innings lead over the home team.

Mysore had made 325 and 312 for eight declared in their two innings respectively, while Madras had replied with 463 and 110 for three.

Madras will now meet the winner of the Hyderabad versus Madhya Pradesh match.

Mysore (1st Innings) 325

Madras (1st Innings) 463

Mysore (2nd Innings)

Umesh c Chakravarty b Ganesh 26; Shivashankar c Gopinath b Alva 50; Thimmayyah st. Chakravarty b Gopinath 33; Shyamsunder b Gopinath 12; Adisesh not out 89; Viswanath c Virish b Ganesan 25; A. S. Krishnaswamy b Kannan 20; Ramdev c Gopinath b Kannan 20; K. R. Patel b Gopinath 3; Chandari not out 13; Extras 21. TOTAL (for eight wickets declared) 312.

Fall of wickets: 1/41; 2/123; 3/129; 4/142; 5/207; 6/247; 7/269; 8/278.

Bowling Analysis: C. R. Rangachari 4/1/13/0; Alva 21/3/59/1; Kannan 31/6/91/2; Kannairam 3/0/4/0; Ganesan 14/0/42/2; Gopinath 19/1/82/3.

Madras (2nd Innings)

Girish c Krishnaswamy b Shivshankar 3; Chakravarty b Krishnaswamy 16; Gopinath not aout 53; Kannayaram c Timmayyah b Patel 30; Ganesh not out 3; Extras 5; TOTAL (for three wickets) 110.

Fall of wickets: 1/12; 2/25; 3/91.

Bowling Analysis: Kasturirangan 11/2/25/0; Shivashankar 8/1/17/1; Timmayyah 9/2/16/0; Krishnaswamy 7/0/25/1; Adisesh 4/2/7/0; Patel 3/1/15/1.

BALA ULLAL LOSES THRILLING MATCH

National Badminton Championships

NAGPUR, Dec. 12, (PTI).

East Punjab's S. P. Sood beat Bombay's well known B. V. Ullal, doubles title holder and Thomas Cup player, in a thrilling singles encounter of the All-India Badminton Championship series here today (5/15, 18/15 and 18/14).

Following are the results of the fourth day's play:—

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. Drummond (UP) beat Miss Ray 11/2, 11/2; Miss Apte (Maharashtra) beat Miss U. Bose 11/0, 11/0; Mrs. David (UP) beat Miss Ahuja (Bihar) 11/1, 11/1; Miss Anand (E. P.) beat Miss S. Phalnikar (Maharashtra) 11/1, 11/3; Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beat Miss Kher 11/2, 11/1.

MEN'S SINGLES

P. A. Chavan (Maharashtra) beat N. K. Sood (UP) 17/18, 15/5, 15/7; M. Guha (Bengal) beat C. N. Natu 15/1, 15/2; G. Hemmady (Bengal) beat Narotam Singh (EP) 15/6, 15/7; T. N. Seth (UP) beat Mathur (Delhi) 15/6, 15/3, S. P. Sood (E. P.) beat B. V. Ullal (Bombay) 5/15, 18/15, 18/14; D. G. Mugwe beat Karkate (Maharashtra) 15/8, 15/3; Chadda (MP) W. O. Pramod Nath (Delhi); B. D. Shroff (Bombay) W. O. P. G. Deshmukh (M. P.); H. Ferreira (Bombay) W. O. Rajputaha "B"; S. L. Jaini (Delhi) beat S. Baagchi (Bihar) 15/6, 15/7; S. A. Phalinikar (Maharashtra) beat K. Tapadia (MP) 15/3, 15/1; B. S. Tapadia (MP) beat R. Bhargawa (UP) 15/7, 15/8; Darshan Kumar (E. P.) beat B. D. Parulkar (MP) 15/12, 15/6; K. S. Tiley (Maharashtra) beat S. K. Deshmukh (MP) 15/11, 15/8; Davi Naidu (MP) W. O. Rajputana "A", R. Kothari (MP) W. O. S. N. Dube (UP).

SIDDHARTH ESTABLISH LEAD OF 104 RUNS

Govadia Runs Through Ruia Team In Inter-College Final

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SIDDARTH COLLEGE, whose last five wickets added barely 53 runs to the overnight score of 220 for five, dismissed their opponents the Ruia College for only 169 runs, and had at the end of the second day's play established a valuable first innings lead of 104 runs today in the four-day final of the Inter-College Cricket Tournament for the Northcote Shield and Rahimtulla Cup at The Oval.

The fine start given by the earlier batsmen to the Siddarth College was nullified this morning, and the remaining batsmen added only 53 runs in the ninety minutes batting that sufficed to end the innings.

B. J. Govadia, who recently played against the Commonwealth team, played a major part in the cheap dismissal of the Ruia College, who were all out for 169 runs a few minutes before closing time today.

Patankar, who opened Ruia innings, put up a stout resistance and in his 101 minute stay at the wicket scored 55 runs which included six hits to the boundary.

Govadia finished the innings with the excellent analysis of 28 overs, 5 maidens, 68 runs and 5 wickets.

Stumps were drawn at the conclusion of the Ruia College first innings.

Siddarth College (1st Innings): N. Billimoria b Bhosle 0; H. Dadachanji c Patankar b Bhosle 107; S. Bhatia l.b.w. Nanjudiah 54; R. Rege b Nanjudiah 0; R. Kenny c Patankar b Koregaonkar 11; B. Govandia st. Patankar b Karnik 14; N. Tamahane b Walawalkar 15; A. Shaikh c Divecha b Nanjudiah 21; R. Ranshinje run out 0, S. Nadkarni not out 0; Extras 28, Total 273.

Fall of Wickets: 1 for 0; 2 for 147; 3 for 148; 4 for 161; 5 for 9 for 268; 10 for 273.

Bowling Analysis: R. B. Bhosle 39-21-42-2; G. S. Walawalkar 12-4-17-1; B. M. Karnik 30-12-40-1; C. S. Koregaonkar 34-4-104-1; S. B. Jog 7-1-15-0; R. S. Nanjudiah 10.3-3-27-4.

Ruia College (1st Innings): C. T. Patankar st. Tamhane b Rege 55, C. S. Koregaonkar b Govadia 15; S. B. Jog c Rege b Govadia 25; P. K. Kamat l.b.w. Govadia 19, S. R. Marathe c Tamhane b Rege 8; A. P. Divecha b Rege 4; R. B. Bhosle b Nadkarni 3; G. S. Walawalkar b Nadkarni 19; B. M. Karnik not out 12; R. S. Nanjudiah b Govadia 0; M. S. Khanolkar c Shaikh b Govadia 1; Extras 8. Total 169.

Fall of Wickets: 1 for 52; 2 for 100; 3 for 110; 4 for 126; 5 for 130, 6 for 132, 7 for 147; 8 for 162; 9 for 163; 10 for 169.

Bowling Analysis: B. J. Govadia 28-5-68-5; H. M. Dadachanji 5-0-20-0; A. Shaikh 6-1-14-0; S. V. Nadkarni 9-1-34-2; R. V. Rege 14-4-25-3.

LALJEE'S THRILLING WIN OVER BHABHA

Handicap Billiards At Byculla

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

After a thrilling neck and neck race this evening, I. N. Laljee (minus 300) beat R. J. Bhabha (minus 20) at the Byculla Y.M.C.A. in the Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards Tournament.

Laljee got off to a hesitant start and warmed up only when things began to get really hot. At one stage in the early part of the game, while Laljee had scored only 180, Bhabha had made 120 points after wiping off his obviously meagre handicap.

But from here onwards, Laljee pulling himself up played steadily especially making use of the delightful top of the table game. The closing stages were extremely interesting, and the audience literally tingled to know the result. With a most timely break of 43, Laljee overshot his opponent and came to 238, while Bhabha was 223. In a few more breaks the requisite 12 points were scored, and there was a burst of applause. The final score was 250-223.

Laljee's principal breaks were 29, 22, 27, 23, 31, 28, 20, 32. Bhabha had a solitary big break of 21.

EASY WIN FOR HOLLINSON

In the later match, B. Hollinson (minus 225) easily disposed of H. Karamalli (minus 20), at 250-185. Young Hollinson playing with delicious consistency and precision wiped off his handicap of 225 while Karamalli was still toiling in the thirties. The winner's potting (winning hazard) was throughout particularly fascinating, he apparently achieving the near-impossible with unerring accuracy. His chief breaks were 24, 35, 20, 20, 35, 32, 25. Karamalli had one good break of 20. He was poor game before the brilliance of his continuously improving opponent's game.

E. PUNJAB UNIVERSITY ALL OUT FOR 169 RUNS

Swaranjit's Valuable Knock Of 59 In Baria Trophy

LUCKNOW, December 12.

East Punjab University were all out for 169 runs against the Banaras University in the first semi-final of the North Zone Inter-Varsity Cricket Tournament for the Rohinton Bari Trophy which started here today.

Banaras University in reply scored sixteen runs for no loss.

YOUNGSTERS FAIL WHEN GIVEN CHANCE

M. C. C. Out Cheaply Against S. Districts

CANBERRA December 12 (PTI-Reuter): The MCC gave a weak display of batting against New South Wales Southern Districts here today and were all out for 180. Good bowling, however, enabled them to dismiss half the Southern Districts side for 72 by close of play. The match ends tomorrow.

The following were the scores:

M.C.C. (First Innings)

D. Sheppard b Robin 14, L. Hutton lbw b Robin 22, J. Dewes lbw b Backen 0, F. Brown run out 4, E. Parkhouse c Russel b Travers 29. C. Washbrook c Travers b Robinson 49, A. McIntyre b Robinson 3, B. Close c sub b Robinson I. T. Bailey not out 43, A. Bedser b Robinson 11, D. Wright lbw b Robinson 1, Etras 3, TOTAL 180.

Fall of Wickets: 1/27; 2/32; 3/40; 4/40, 5/107; 6/118; 7/124; 8/128; 9/152.

Bowling Analysis: Robin 13/1/35/2; Backen 8/0/27/1; Freebody 3/1/11/0; Robinson 14/4/2/40/5; Rudd 3/0/30/0; Hanna 1/0/10/0; Travers 5/0/24/1.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS (first innings)

G. Russell lbw b Wright 35, R. Hutchins c Close b Bailey I. G. Findlay b Bedser 0, M. Hanna b Wright 17, M. Rudd lbw b Wright 2, N. Hedditch batting 16, J. Robinson batting 0. Extras 1. TOTAL (for five wickets) 72.

Fall of wickets: 1/2; 2/5; 3/39; 4/47 5/68.

Bowling Analysis: Bailey 5/1/11/1; Bedser 5/0/16/1; Wright 6/1/20/3; Brown 4/0/12/0; Close 2/0/12/0.

Commonwealth Versus England

LONDON, (By Mail).

There have been many cricket followers in England who have thought that a game between the M.C.C. touring team in Australia and the Commonwealth XI now playing in India would make a most interesting addition to next season's fixture list. Although such a fixture has not been arranged, a somewhat similar one does appear in the list of first-class fixtures, a Commonwealth XI being due to play an England XI at the end of August. No doubt well-known players from India, Pakistan, the West Indies and Australia who will be taking part in League cricket in England next summer will be included in the former side.—(BIS.)

Hassett Has Trouble Again With His Thigh

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter).

Lindsay Hassett, Australia's test captain, was forced to retire through the recurrence of a thigh injury after making 127 for Victoria against Queensland today.

The injury first aroused concern in the week preceding the first Test at Brisbane.

Hassett 87 not out overnight gave the best batting display of the match so far when adding forty runs before lunch. He did not return after the interval.

Victoria were all out for 322 in answer to Queensland's first innings total of 270 for nine wickets declared. McCool, the test slow blowler, claimed five wickets for 88 runs.

Queensland began their second innigs cautiously two wickets for 80 before tea. And at the close were 163 for four. The match ends tomorrow.

Tom Cleary To Visit Bombay In January

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The world's number two amateur billiards player Tom Cleary, who at the moment is touring India, will, after participating in the Indian National Billiards Championships at Calcutta, be arriving in Bombay on 23rd. January 1951. Cleary, who holds the Australian open title, will play a series of exhibition matches against leading local players from 24th. to 30th. January 1951.

Most likely Cleary will pay a flying visit to Poona for a day to play a few exhibition matches there.

Saurashtra Team For Ranji Trophy

RAJKOT, Dec. 12 (PTI).—The first round of the Ranji Trophy Championship (West Zone) Cricket match between Saurashtra and Baroda Cricket Association Eleven will be played here from December 17.

Saurashtra Eleven will be selected from the following: Waghela, Jayantilal Vora, Maganlal, Vijaysinh, Suresh Kesari, Kishorsingh, Narottam, Harpai, Nyalchand, Lalubhai, Mahipat Acharya, Jayantilal Oza and Jaysukh Oza.

The Thakore Saheb of Rajkot will be the captain.

First Of The Five Indian Classics This Sunday

ENTRIES FOR 1,000 GUINEAS DAY IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the entries for the Seventh Day of the Bombay Winter Meeting races which will be held at the Mahalaxmi Race Course on Sunday, the 17th December:—

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS (1950)—1 Mile.

Agni Mani, Nava Ratna, Mohabat, Imprudence, Piarehind, Rumbita, Kensington, Rafat, Sundri, Amorette, Nagarpalika, Masked Lady, Modesty II, Gay Radha, Fairy Way Monkiss.

THE BARODA CUP—1 Mile.

Swing Bridge, Whatagift, Eastern Sea, Cocktop, Rana Pratap, Downpour, Tisco, New Moon, Ceylan, Doorani, Firmament, Gang Bhup Beldara, Majestic Way, Boop's Fancy, Padmini, Masked Pleasure, Fair Haven, National Flag, Manzoor, Fight of Fancy, Raghu. Aman, Rao Saheb, Queen Anne, Rim Jhim, Zam Zam.

THE VIRAR PLATE—1-1|4 Miles.

Par Excellence, Saita, Courage, Happy Go Lucky, Mack, Pay Master, Adeline Ayaaz, Gam Bid, Dragon Seed. The Girl Friend.

This race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE KARACHI PLATE—7 Furs.

Lerins, Lochinvar, Flying Princess, King's Star, Anant Lakshmi, Gold Spa, Gay Radha, Philsooph, Great Lady, Makarpura, Gold Street, Samurai, Kensington, Just Wait, The Roarer, Don't Be Silly, Down South, Little Star, Pick Money, Put All, Embarkation, Reviera, Royal Guard, Kurleshwari, Morton Daisy, Fowzia, Time Bomb, Panditji, Irish Right, Kennereth, Prometheus, Futurity, Flyng Clipper, Pretty Town, Marie Louise, Glory of India. Rashtrapati, Georgette, Chandroos, Find Out, Tamanna.

This race will be divided into two divisions. One division to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and apprentice Jockeys with allowance.

THE KANARA PLATE—1-1|4 Miles.

Firdaussi, Gitanjali, Chhoti Begum, Lake Success, King's Pleasure, Oasis, Odds Again Imroz, Army and Navy, Loyal Prince Striding Edge, Morning Dagania, Hirohito, Triple Alliance, Miss Rutty, Dry Day, Botticelli, Fashion Parade, Gay Boy, Desert Hawk, Bansiwale, Brilliant Sunshine, V. Day

THE DIVA PLATE—1 Mile.

Anasuya, Liberator, Perhaps, Way Out Ali Janab. Arcona, Bessemer, Eremitage, Ballynahinch, All-in-All, Sherbeen, Pannihari, Starshell, Janab-E-Ali Casanova, Sajan, Incitatus, Clementine, Harlem Day, Mexico, Krishnakamal.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE—5 Furs.

Lucky Guard, Eudora, Fulhurst, Noorani, Sha'ar-E-Nau, Duke of Hanover, Pigeon Post, Many Returns, Rana Sanga, Certainty, Fitz Call, Border Prince, Phoenix Lad, Mayurdhvaj Solid Gold, Shikari, Galloper, Well Away, Marshall Plan, Chilkhat, Gold Star.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

Mother Gives Blessings

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 12 (UPI): The Mother gave her blessings this evening — for the first time after the passing away of Sri Aurobindo to 800 Ashram members and nearly 200 visitors.

The function took place in the room in which Sri Aurobindo was residing for the last 24 years. All things used by the saint were kept spread in the back ground of a picture of Sri Aurobindo lying in state.

The blessings of the Mother were in the form of a picture of the Master and a leaflet containing the following prayer to Sri Aurobindo:—

"To thee who has been the masterial envelope of our Master,

"To thee our infinite gratitude.

"Before thee who hast done so much for us,

"Who hast so much worked; struggled, suffered, endured.

"Before thee who hast willed all, prepared, achieved all for us,

"Before thee we bow down and implore that we shall never forget, even for a moment,

"All we owe to thee."

Aurobindo Ashram Under Guidance Of Mother

PONDICHERRY, Dec. 12 (PTI): Aurobindo Ashram continues to function as before under the guidance of the Mother, announcing this Mr. Nolinikanto Gupta, Secretary of the Ashram in a statement says:—

"We have been receiving innumerable messages of sympathy and goodwill from all parts of the country and also from outside, from public bodies as well as individuals. It is not possible for us to reply to each and everyone separately. We take this opportunity to acknowledge with thanks and express our gratefulness to all. I take this opportunity to add that the Ashram continues to function as before under the guidance of the Mother.

INDIA MUST LEARN FROM RUSSIA

D. N. Pritt's Views

HYDERABAD, Dec. 12 (PTI): Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., former Member of Parliament, said here today that the "people of the Soviet Union are desperately desirous of preserving peace, just as much as they need air to breathe, not only for themselves but for their brethren in other parts of the world."

Mr. Pritt who was addressing a public meeting at the Hyderabad Boat Club this evening added, "Soviet Russia has set her face resolutely against the use of atom bomb." He said he believed Russia had in her possession the atom bomb.

Giving his impressions of the Soviet Union which he toured recently, Mr. Pritt said that there was enough freedom and individual liberty in Russia and criticisms against the Government were tolerated there just as in any other Western democratic countries.

People of India, Mr. Pritt said, had much to learn from the people of the Soviet Union for their economic and cultural development as the Russians had built themselves up from almost nothing in a comparatively short time.

Mr. Pritt met Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Hyderabad's Chief Minister, this morning and discussed with him, it is learnt, cases gainst certain persons described as Communists Nalgonda district.

"Flying Saucer" Seen In Italy

ROME, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Several Italian Air Force officers claimed to have seen a flying saucer" over the Bay of Naples last night, according to press reports here taday.

One of them Saptain Alfredo Stella was reported as saying that at seven p.m. he saw a brightly luminous oval shape about twenty yards in diameter flying fast.

It suddenly veered right and vanished.

SOLVING DISARMAMENT DEADLOCK

Australian Initiative

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter): Australia with British and American support has taken the initiative in trying to solve a disarmament deadlock existing between Russia and the Western powers.

Australia had drafted a resolution calling for the setting up of a committee to consider whether the work of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Conventional Armaments Commission might be merged.

It is due to come before the General Assembly today.

India Backs Arab Cause

BAGHDAD, Dec. 12. (PTI-Reuter): Syed Ali Zaheer, India's Ambassador in Iran and Iraq, stated in an interview, "The Government of India and the Indian people supported the Arab cause and shall continue to maintain the most friendly relations with Arab people."

India's recognition of Israel will not alter this policy, he said. "On the contrary, we are looking ahead to establish firm and sound trade, economic and political relations with member states of the Arab League and we are ready to render all help to the Arabs to secure complete freedom."

Glasgow Locos For India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): The new Clyde-built cargo vessel "City of Bedford" now on her maiden voyage to India, has on board four locomotives and tenders manufactured by a glasgow locomotive company.

They are intended, it is learnt, for service with the Indian state railways. Each locomotive weighs 90 tons, and each tender 30 tons.

APPEAL AGAINST EXTERNMENT

Supreme Court Reserves Judgement

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): The Supreme Court today reserved judgment in an appeal filed by the State of Bombay defending the externment order served on a laundry-man of Ahmedabad under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act.

The State Government challenged the decision of the Bombay High Court which held the externment order illegal as it was inconsistent with the fundamental right of a citizen to "move freely throughout the territories of India" as guaranteed under the constitution.

The Attorney General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, arguing for the state, however, contended that the externment order was not a violation of the fundamental right as it constituted "reasonable restriction."

The laundry-man, the opposite party was not represented.

The Supreme Court today also heard an appeal from Nabha (PEPSU) involving the question of legality of levying income-tax for a non-incometax period.

The appellant, a citizen of Nabha, submitted that he had been "illegally" levied income-tax with retrospective effect from pre-union period when there was no income-tax in the state of Nabha.

Mr. Bakshi Tek Chand argued for the appellant.

HINDU MAHASABHA SESSION

Preparations In Full Swing

POONA, Dec. 12 (H.S.): The construction work of 'Savarkar Nagar' on the Purandare Baug grounds where the forthcoming session of the A. B. Hindu Mahasabha is to be held, is now in full swing.

Dr. N. B. Khare, the President-elect will arrive in Poona on December 23. The Subjects Committee will also meet on the same day. Among other Hindu Mahasabha leaders, Mr. Jogendranath Mandal, former Law-Member of the Pakistan Government, Swami Karpatriji of Ram Rajya Parishad, Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia, Dr. Gokulchand Narang and Mr. N. C. Chatterjee will attend the session. The Reception Committee has invited the leaders of all the political parties, it is stated.

SUGAR ALLOTMENT

KANPUR, Dec. 12 (UPI): Out of the allotment of 8,118 bags of sugar for the month of December, 1950, half of the quantity is reported to have arrived in Kanpur, according to a Sugar Market Report for the week-ending Saturday, December 8, 1950, issued by the Director, Indian institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur.

Controlled Indian sugar markets remained, however unchanged with average controlled price per maund of sugar at Rs. 31-14-0 at Ambala, Rs. 32-8-0 at Delhi, Rs. 31-8-0 at Kanpur, Rs. 30-13-0 at Bhagalpur, Rs. 31-12-0 at Calcutta and Rs. 32-14-0 at Madras.

Box Loads Of Counterfeit Coins

KARACHI, Dec. 12 (UPI): At least 50 per cent of the small Indian coins offered for conversion at the State Bank here into Pakistani coins during the last two weeks were found counterfeit.

Box loads of such counterfeit coins rejected and sliced by telling machines are reported to be lying in the bank.

Prohibition In Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 12 (PTI): Mr. N. Sanjiva Reddi, Prohibition Minister of Madras, said in the Assembly today that the State Government had granted liquor permits to 72,607 non-Indians and 172 Indians during the period October 1949 to July 1950.

Asked whether preference in the grant of permits to non-Indians would not amount to discrimination of citizens, the Minister said the question had been raised before the Madras High Court whose judgment was being awaited.

Notification Of Vacancies

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): The fifth meeting of the Central Employment Advisory Committee here yesterday decided to try out the present system of voluntary notification of vacancies by employers to bureaus before any compulsion was introduced.

The decision followed demand made by some members for enactment of suitable legislative measures making it compulsory for all employers to notify their vacancies to employment exchanges.

Alleged Profiteering In Cloth

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12: Several steps against black marketing in cloth have been taken in Ahmedabad District. One Mr. Narandas Gopaldas and his two clerks have been arrested by the police. It is alleged the merchant sold cloth at a higher rate.

SAUGOR UNIVERSITY

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 12: Owing to Sardar Patel's indifferent health, the Food Minister, Mr. K. M. Munshi will be visiting Saugor on December 25 to deliver the convocation address of the Saugor University.

The University is expected to confer the degree of Doctor of letters Honoris Causa on Sardar Patel in his absence

Mehsana People's Resentment

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12.

Great resentment prevails among people of Mehsana on the new taxation to be imposed by the local municipality. A citizens committee consisting of thirteen persons has been set up to prepare their case.

FURTHER RISE IN TATA STEELS

Cotton Mill Shares Register Small Gains

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was favourably influenced by the address of Mr. C. D. Deshmukh today. There was moderate buying in Steel shares but higher levels induced some long liquidation. Cotton Mill shares were also quiet with scattered liquidation but the undertone of the market was good with traders inclined to buy on declines.

The market sentiment is bullish and some ardent bulls look for sharp advances but in view of approaching long holidays, there will be more disposition to even up open business. The market is likely to be irregular.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1842-8 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1838-12 and advanced at Rs. 1847-8 on moderate buying. At this level the demand was satisfied and the market turned quiet under profit-taking and Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1842-8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 355 and after improving at Rs. 356 steadied at Rs. 355. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 31-8 and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 22-4.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1022-8 and declined at Rs. 1017-8. Kohinoor Mill shares were done at Rs. 337. Simplex Mill shares were quoted at Rs. 275 while Svadeshi shares were placed at Rs 306.

Associated Cements were done at Rs. 175. Scindia shares opened at Rs. 16-7 and declined at Rs. 16-4.

Later on there was moderate buying and Tata Steel Defd. after being quoted at Rs. 1850 steadied at Rs. 1847/8. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 356. Bombay Dyeings came in business at Rs. 1021/4 and Kohinoors improved at Rs. 339/- while Swadeshi Mill Shares were done at Rs. 307/-. Tone of the market was steady.

Towards the close there was increased buying and Tata Steel Defds. after touching Rs. 1855|- closed at Rs. 1853 12. Ordinary Shares closed at Rs. 357/8 among Mills Bombay Dyeings advanced at Rs. 1027|8 and Kohinoors advanced at Rs. 341|- closing tone was very steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (7-8)	....	1027 8
Kohinoor Mill (6)	....	342 0
Swadeshi Mills (14)	.....	309 0
Central India Mills (6)	....	262 8
Simplex Mills (11)	.....	272 4
New Great Eastern (3-2)	....	170 0
Indore (4)	.....	121 6
Gokak (11)	.....	249 0
Century Spinning (6)	....	270 0
India Bleaching (8)	.....	180 0
Swan (20)	.....	363 0
Finlay Mills (15)	.....	286 0
Edward (15)	.....	281 4
Meyer (6)	.....	81 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	.....	3 3 6
India United Ord. (0-12-6)		13 6 0
India United Defd. (0-2-0)	..	2 3
Madhusudan (15)	....	155 0
Podar (9)	.....	138 12
Khatau (7)	.....	187 8

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord. (16)	.....	357 8
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)	..	1853 12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)		138 4

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7)	.....	175 4

INDUSTRIES

Burma (15)	.....	493 12
Belapur (12-8)	.....	282 8
Shivrajpur (1-3)	.....	55 0
Scindia Steam	.....	16 6
Premier Construction (4)		127 8
Tata Chemical	.....	13 14
Tata Oil (1)	.....	43 8
Indian Iron (1)	.....	31 12
Bengal Steel (0-10)	.....	22 7
British India Corp. (0-9)	....	9 3 3
India Copper	.....	3 1 6
Wimco (11)	.....	263 12
Alcock (28-2)	.....	342 8

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro (4-8) XD	....	159 8
Andhra Valley (45) XD	.....	1466 0
Tata Power (50) XD	....	1617 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone (15)	.....	60 0
Phoenix (6)	.....	120 10
Indian Mfg (40)	.....	3350 0
Kuria (78)	.....	121 4
Colaba (6)	.....	77 8
New City (11)	.....	190 0
Minerva (12)	.....	132 4
Bradbury	.....	453 4
Bharucha	.....	4 12
Bharat (2)	.....	27 4
Mysore Defd. (4) XD	.....	165 8
Madhavji (0-12-0)	.....	12 0
Model Mills (12-8)	.....	146 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	.....	610 0
Vishnu Cotton (6)	.....	200 0
Standard (15)	.....	240 0
Sholapur (200)	.....	3060 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	..	27 0
Hindustan Mills (40) XD	....	3410 0
Tata Mills (2)	.....	51 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	....	220 10
Sassoon Silk (2-10)	.....	35 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	.....	25 10
Madhusudan S (2-8)	.....	32 0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)	.....	190 0
Raja Bahadur (4)	.....	60 0
Berar	.....	260 0
Victoria Mills	.....	225 0

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	..	115 0
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)	....	112 0
Surat Electric (5)	.....	140 0
Karachi Electric (2)	.....	127 8
Broach (0-5)	.....	6 1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	.....	10 2
Amalgamated (0-12)	.....	11 10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	....	27 0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)	..	125 0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)	....	148 12
Jalgaon	.....	10 10

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India (40)		1987 8
Imperial Bank P. (10)	.....	491 4
Central Bank (1-8)	.....	79 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	....	79 0
Bank of India (3)	....	178 0
Union (0-5)	.....	7 0
Baroda (2-8)	.....	127 12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	..	35 0
United Commercial (1-12)	....	44 8
Jaipur Bank (1-8)	.....	37 0
Hindustan Commercial (1)	..	22 8
Mysore Bank (8)	.....	865 0
Eastern Bank (14-9)	.....	82 0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)	.....	4315 0
Empire (10)	.....	615 0
New India (2)	.....	67 0
Jupiter (0-12)	.....	14 8
Vulcan (1-10)	.....	12 8
Ind. Mercantile	.....	41 0
B.I.C.	.....	16 5
Industrial and Prudential	..	28 4
Neptune	.....	7 0
New Great	.....	18 4
All India General	.....	8 8

RAILWAY SHARES

C. P. (2-4)	.....	114 0

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Bombay Steam (10)	.....	273 12
Bombay Burma New (5)	....	162 8
Burma Petrol	.....	1 9 9
Kemp and Co. (30)	.....	342 8
Mackenzie (6)	.....	90 0
Port Canning (3)	.....	52 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	.....	93 4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)		85 0
Dharamsey Chemical (4)	.....	68 4
Mukund Iron	.....	5 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	.....	12 0
Alembic (15)	.....	120 10
Supreme Industries	.....	90 0
Bombay Uganda	.....	65 12
Indian Cement (1937)	.....	23 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)	.....	166 4
United Motor	.....	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	..	785 0
Hydro Construction	.....	19 2 6
Mahamadi Steam	.....	100 0
Gujerat Motor	.....	26 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	.....	750 0
Harvey Press	.....	310 0
Estrella Batteries	.....	37 0
National Rayon	.....	66 0
Bombay Cycle	.....	34 0
Jost Co.	.....	75 0
Digvijay Cement	.....	70 0

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6) XD	.....	195 0
Bengal Steel	.....	116 4
Indian Iron	.....	107 0
Andhra Valley (7)	.....	1240 0
Tata Power (7-8)	.....	1352 8
Hydro-Electric (7) XD	.....	131 4
Bombay Steamer (6)	.....	233 12
Central India (5)	.....	632 8
Swadeshi Mills	.....	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	.....	676 4
Laxmi	.....	275 0
New Great Mills (5-3)	.....	215 0
Podar Mills (4)	.....	95 0
Shrinivasa Mills	.....	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	.....	109 0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	.....	345 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	.....	136 4
Fre Construction First	.....	102 4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref	....	99 12
Amalgamated	.....	115 0
Habib	..	72 0
Tata Chemical	.....	132 8
Walchandnagar	.....	126 4
Jupiter	.....	12 15
Supreme	.....	92 8
Mever	....	95 0
Mackenzie (First)	.....	92 0
Mackenzie (2)	..	85 0
Ahmedabad Advance	.....	127 8
Mysore Mill	..	41 0
Standard	.....	99 0
Madhusudhan	.....	12 0
Khatau	.....	97 8
Morarji	.....	94 8
National Rayon	.....	79 0

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952	.....	101 4
Rubber Planting	.....	
Bombay Steamer	.....	98 14
Indian Hume Pipe	.....	101 0
Tata Power 1951	.....	101 0
Walchanagar (6)	.....	106 0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation	.....	2 12
New Victoria Mills	.....	2 0
New Victoria Pref	.....	4 0
Phalton (8)	.. ..	130 8
Gold Mohor (20)	.....	315 0
New Kaiser Hind	....	170 0
Sajjan Mills	.....	100 0
Osmanshahi	.....	115 0
Ajam Shahi	.....	110 0
Air Services	.....	3 12
Air India Tata	.....	59 12
Hind Motor	.....	6 1 6
Walchand Motor	.....	52 0
India Steam	.....	7 7
Tata Locomotive	.....	94 0
Killick Industries XD	....	131 8

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

Tata Ordinary	.... 357 8	0
Tata Deferred	.... 1852 8	0
Indian Iron	.... 31 12	0
Steel Corpn of Bengal	.... 22 7	0
Bombay Dyeing	.... 1027 8	0
Central India	.... 262 8	0
Gokak	.... 249 0	0
Kohinoor	.... 341 8	0
Simplex	.... 272 4	0
Swadeshi	.... 309 0	0
Tata Power	.... 1617 8	0
Associated Cement	.... 175 4	0
Belapur	.... 282 8	0
Bombay Burma (Old)	.... 493 12	0
Scindia	.... 16 6	0
Central Bank	.... 79 0	0
New India	.... 67 0	0
Tata 2nd Pref.	.... 138 4	0

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

The local Bullion market was quietly steady with restricted trading. At the opening Forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 182-5 and after improving at Rs. 182-10 declined at Rs. 182-5 on scattered selling. At the decline there was some support and the market steadied at Rs. 182-8. Ready Mint Silver was quoted at Rs. 182-14 and Spot Spot Bullion was placed at Rs. 182-2.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 108-12 and after improving at Rs. 108-13 declined at Rs. 108-6 and steadied at Rs. 108-7. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 108-8. Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 74-10

Later on there was active bull support and with short covering silver advanced at Rs. 183/12 and Gold moved at Rs. 109/1 arrivals of silver were 35 bars while the offtake was 10 bars. Closing quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	.... 183 4	0
Forward	.... 183 10	0
Ready Gold	.... 109 14	0
Forward	.... 108 15	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

The local produce market was firm today on active demand for groundnuts and castorseeds. Rajkot Castorseeds opened at Rs. 260/- and declined at Rs. 258/8. Quotations in the local market were as under:

GROUNDNUTS

Khandesh quality	..... 45 6	0
December	..... 45 4	0
Madras ready	..... 45 4	0
January	..... 45 0	0
Bold December	..... 44 3	0
Bold January	..... 44 3	0
Bold Feb. March	..... 44 8	0
Ready Mills Oil	.... 24 12	0
Upcountry Receipts	..... 23 14	0
January	..... 23 11	0

LINSEED

Ready	..... 42 8	0
February March	..... 43 0	0
Satna Spot	..... 41 8	0

CASTORSEEDS

Madras Ready	..... 43 12	0
February-March	..... 41 8	0

Alexandria Cotton

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 11

KARNAK	ASHMOUNI
Jan. 121.40—70	Dec. 118.15—145
Mar. 124.35—70	Feb. 120.65—215
May 125.05—70	Apr. 121.85—200
Jul. 125.75—70	Jun. 121.70—195

N.Y. PEPPER MARKET

Firm On Indian Cables

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

Black Pepper prices held steady under the influence of moderate dealer buying interest and the continued strength of Indian cables which held well above the levels prevailing here. Spot offered at 158, December shipment at 152 asked, January shipment 142 asked, January/February shipment 140 asked and January/March shipment 138 asked ex-dock. Buying activity was reported to be quiet with most buyers looking for small lots as they were carefully watching Korean and control developments.

Following are today's closing prices: Spot 158. Old and New Contracts December 160, January 155, February 152 and March 142 all nominals. White Spot 275 asked.

London Pepper Dull

LONDON, Dec. 11

Trading in Pepper was dull with Black Lampong December shipment at 10sh 6d. and White Muntok at 17sh. 7 1/2d. with White Sarwak at 18sh. 1 1/2d. delivered weight per pound basis ports. Malabar afloat was 1,325 to 1,400 shillings per hundredweight according to position, December 1,230, January 1,160 and March 1,110sh per cwt, c.i.f. U K. Landings into London during November of Black were 54 tons and deliveries 122 reducing the stock to 76 compared with 37 a year ago. White landings were 19, deliveries 16 and stock 5 compared with 8 a year ago.

Singapore Pepper Prices

SINGAPORE, Dec. 11.

The Singapore Pepper market ruled steady with both Black Lampong and White Muntok unchanged at 540 and 970 dollars per picul respectively.

London Pepper Quiet

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The copras market was quiet but steady with Straits/DEI fair merchantable delivered weight offered at £104-3/4 against £104-1/2 bid. Philippines bulk nominally 247-1/2 dollars, Ceylon £107 all per ton c.i.f. December January shipment.

Coconutoil was quiet straits in drums £156 sellers and in bulk £149-1/2 seller, Ceylon in drums £154-1/2 buyer and in bulk £148-3/4, seller al December January shipment.

AMERICAN MARKETS

MODERATE SELLING IN NEAR MONTHS IN N. Y. COTTON

Wall Street Market Firm With Good Activity

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

A generally lower opening in old crops was subsequently sharply extended on heading and commission house liquidation sparked by increased nervousness over price controls resulting from the mounting congressional pressure for immediate imposition of mandatory wage price controls.

Occasional rallying tendencies on mill buying and shortcovering attracted recurrent flurries of offerings. New crops on the other hand continue in demand attributed partly to prospective farm labour shortages next year with traders switching from higher priced current crop months forward.

Prices rallied towards the close under the leadership of old crops on renewed mill buying against textile sales together with commission house replacement demands and local short covering. tracts was the principal feature

A temporary scarcity of contracts was the principal feature on recovery although the closing strength of grains was possibly a contributing factor However in final minutes increased hedges checked recovery and caused a partial set back with the market closing barely steady. Sales were placed at 285.000 bales.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

	N. Y.	N. O.
December	41.65	41.57
March	41.71	41.53
May	41.19	41.12
July	40.70	40.62
Middling Spot	42.85	41.75

New York cotton March Highest 41.80 at 10.10 Lowest 41.34 at 11.40 hours.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

Prices climbed to new high ground for the current recovery in good activity. Rails were again pointing the way but followed closely this time by other groups. Sentiment was aided by reports that India was expected to reveal a new Korea peace plan today The rail average set a new 1950 peak as the market moved to well distributed gains mostly ranging to dollar or more. At noon the averages were industrials 229.70 and rails 74.91.

Buying was inclined to taper off in the afternoon as many withdrew to await further developments on the home and international fronts. Offerings however were not unduly burdensome and most prices held around the best. Atchison however backed away after earlier strength attributed to rumours of uranium deposits discovered on its property in the West. Oils were responding to the belief that cash dividends this year were likely to reach a new peak together with the firmness of various sections of crude oil and products markets. The market closed firm.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

American Telephone and Telegraph	152-5/8
Amerex Holding	43-1/2
Anaconda Copper	37-1/2
Chase National Bank	36-5/8
Firestone Tyre	73-3/4
General Electric	48-7/8
General Motors	46-1/2
Ingersoll Rand	73
International Nickel	35-7/8
National City Bank	45-1/4
New York Central Railroad	18-1/4
Sinclair Oil	31-1/4
Socony Vacuum	34-1/2
Texas Co.	76-1/2
Union Carbide	54-1/2
U.S Smelting	55-7/8
U.S. Steel common	40-1/8
Western Union	42-1/2

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,600,000. The highest and lowest U.S Steel trading prices were 40-1/2 and 39-1/4 respectively.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 11.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£71
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	96 1/4
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	106 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1. 1952	94 1/8
Chartered Bank	9 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	79
National Bank of India	31 3/4

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

MILLS

Apollo 3-3-6
A. Advance 220/10
Bharat 27 27-4
B Dyeing 1022-8 23-12 17-8 27-8 25 27-8
C. India 260 62-8 61 62-8
Century 270
Colaba 77-8
E. Textiles 281-4
Finlay 286 85 87 86
Gokak 248-8 49-8 49
I. U. Defd. 2-3 2-3-6 2-2-9 2-3
I.U. Ord. 13-5 13-9 13-6
Indore 118-12 20 18-12 22-8 21-4
Khatau 187-8 86-14 87-8
Kohinoor 337-8 32-8 37-8 39 38-8 41
Madhusudan 155
Meyer 81-4
New Great 170
Phoenix 120-10
Bradbury Pref. 330-10
Podar 137-8 38-12
Simplex 274-8 70 72-4
Svadeshi 306 8-8 7-8 10 9
Tata Mills 49 51
Vishnu 200
B. Steam 275 73-12
Scindia 16-7 16-8 16-3-6 16-6 16-5 16-6

BANKS

Central 79-8 80 78-12 79
Central New 79
Imperial 1985 87-8
Imperial New 491-4
India 178

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad 115
Ahmedabad New 112
Andhra 1465
Suburban 147-8 46-4 48-12
Hydro 159-8
Power 1615 17-8
Power Pref 1352-8
New India 67 67-8 66-12 67

STEELS

B Steel 22-4 22-7
I. Iron 31-8 31-12
Tata Defd 1845 48-12 42-8 50 47-8 55 53-12
Tata Ord 355 56 55 57-4 56-4 57-8
Tata 2nd Pref 137-4 38-4

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 342-8
A. C. C. 175-4 75-8 75 75-4
Belapur 283-8 81 83 82-8
B. B. Old 495 93-2 94-6 93-12
B. B. New 163-2 61-14 62-8
B. B Petrol 1-10 1-9-9 1-10
B.I.C. 9-3-3 9-4 9-3-3
Dharamsey 68
I. Bleaching 180
I. Copper 3-0-3 3 3-1-6
P. Construction 128-8 27-12 28 27-4 27-8
Shivrajpur 52 55-8 54 55
Tata Chemical 13-13 13-14
Tata Oil 43-12 44 43 43-8
Wimco 270 63-12

GOVERNMENT LOAN

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

2-1/2% 1954	..... 98 13	0
2-1/2% 1955	..... 99 9	0
2-1/2% 1951	..... 96 8	0
2-3/4% 1960	..... 98 12	0
4-4% 1962	..... 98 8	0
3% 1970	..... 96 0	0
3% 1986 Con.	..... 93 2	0
3% 1951/54	..... 101 2	0
3% 1953/55	..... 101 8	0
3% 1957	..... 100 15	0
3% 1959/61	..... 100 1	0
3% 1963/65	..... 98 15	0
3% 1964	..... 98 15	0
3% -966/68	..... 97 10	0
3% 1070/7/	..... 97 15	0
3-1/2% 1954/59	..... 103 15	0
4% 1960/70	..... 109 0	0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	..... 109 5	0
4% 1958/68	.... 112 4	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3% Bombay 1962	..... 99 2	0
3% Bombay 1960	..... 99 4	0
2-3/4% U.P. 1961	..... 96 12	0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	..... 96 12	0
3% Bombay 1955	..... 100 8	0
3% Bombay 1958	..... 100 4	0
3% Punjab 1952	..... 101 8	0
3% Madras 1952/53	.... 100 6	0
3% U.P. 1952	.... 100 8	0
3% C.P. 1952	..... 100 8	0
3% N.W.F. 1952	..... 100 0	0
3% U.P. 1961/66	..... 99 2	0

MUNICIPAL

3-1/4% 1977	..... 98 12	0
4% B.P.L	..... 109 4	0
4% B. Municipality	.... 109 0	0
5% B. Municipality	.... 113 0	0
5% B. Municipality 1954	.. 112 0	0

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12.

Ahmedabad stock exchange closing: Calico 317-4, Ambika 360-8, Arvind 861. Defd 1856, New shorok 627, Raypur 785, Sayaji, 155, Atul 98, Ashok 406. New marekchowk 151-4, Shorok 305, Rajanagar 251-4, Saraspur 307, New jehangir 170, Marsden 150. Monogram 140, New textile 615, Bihari 210, Bhalakiya 101-4, Lal 187-8.

Calico opened at 314, high 317-8, low 316, closed at 317-4 Ambika opened at 360, high, 362, low 361, closed at 360-8; Arvind opened at 855, high 864, low 860, closed at 861, defd opened at 1847, high 1857, low 1844, closed at 1856, new shorok opened at 627, high 632, low 626, closed at 627.

Due to expectation of war bulls were buyers so market tone was strong.

Following number of shares were delivered: Calico 916, Arvind 220, Amolka 195, Marsden 10, Saraspur 14 Shorok 9, Ashok 38, New shorok 739, Defd 238.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

During the week ended the 8th December Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,61,25,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

Amsterdam Exchange Quiet

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11.

In quiet dealings, the bourse finished steady although shippings and Indonesians were slightly lower. Royal Dutch was a firm feature gaining one-point to 298-5/8 but otherwise most movement were narrow.

Paris Bourse Quiet

PARIS, Dec. 11.

Although dealings on the whole were quiet, better sentiment was evident. Net gains were scored by internationals despite the fact that after early improvements, rhokana, royaldutch and rio tinto among others finished showing a slightly lower trend. Among domestic issues. irons and steel and leading and electricals were well favoured. French rentes finished almost unchanged.

CHICAGO WHEAT FIRM

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.

Grain prices declined under the leadership of soyabeans reflecting commodity markets and revival of Korean peace rumours. Exporters were buyers on the scaledown with Holland credited with buying one cargo of maize today for last half December shipment and a moderate quantity of ports. In Washington it was announced that the Greek government was seeking bids for one thousand tons of edible soyabeanoil. Rallying tendencies developed on commission house buying and shortcovering plus slackening of earlier selling pressure.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	.....	2.34-3/4
March	.....	2.40-1/2
May	.....	2.38-3/8
July	.....	2.32

Brussels Stocks Hesitant

BRUSSELS, Dec. 11.

A number of factors combined to produce a hesitant market among which were the fact that today was the end of the fortnightly account and the international situation. Most sections finished almost unchanged and in the exceptions, movements were always narrow.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

B. C. Rates T. T. D.D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. D. D. Rs. 478-1/4 Montreal Rs. 460.

Banks Selling T.T. D.D. Rs. 477-1 2 Montreals Rs. 459-1/4.

Banks Buying T.T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs. 449-3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472-1/2 Montreal Rs. 447-1/2.

Banks Buying D.D Rs. 473-3/4 L/C Montreals Rs 448-1/4.

Paris Banks Selling T.T. Fcs. 7250.

Paris Banks Buying T.T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 1033.

Switzerland Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Java Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Glds. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8.

London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65; London-Bangkok Cross Rate Tel. 35, London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16; London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65; London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1.84-2/1.94; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 80.35; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-65; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 293-1 4-2.93-3/4 London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981; London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14/47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23 12.26

London Discts. 3 Mos. 11/16 p.c.
London Discts. 6 Mos. 7/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 1/2 per cent 3 Mos 1 per cent, 6 Mos 1-1/4 per cent, 12 Mos. 1-1/2 per cent.
Tone: Easy.

MADRAS MARKET

MADRAS, Dec. 12 (PTI): Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange: Government of India loans: Three per cent paper 93, three per cent 1986 93, three per cent 1966-68 97-14;

Government of Travancore: Three per cent 1952-54 101-6.

Government of Madras three per cent 1956 99-15-6, three per cent 1960 98-9-6.

Banks: Travancore 13.

Sugars and Breweries: Deccan 17-14, Travancore 6-5.

Plantings: Blue Mountain 3-2, Chembras 5-1, Cochin Malabar 7-12, Devashola 17, Midland 8-3, Nelliampathy 1-11, Nilgiri Tea 11, Periakaramalai 37, Pullangode 2-2-6, Rajgiri (XD) 6-7, Arajagiri (XDL) 6-7, Thirumbadi 3-6, T. R. and T. Co. C.D. 7-14, Vaikumda 12-8.

Textiles: Balasubramania 46-12, Bangalore Woollen 275, Buckingham 145, Buckingham pref. 190, Cambodia 12-12, Coimbatore C.M: 172, Coimbatore Pioneer XD 121, Dhanalakshmi 267-8, Lakshmi 85-8, Janardhana 86, Madura 36-10, Mettur 385, Mysore Spun 8-2, Pankaja 91, Radhakrishna XR 151, Rajalakshmi 92-8, Ranga Vilas 57-8, Trav. Rayones 5-1, Trichinopoly 14-4, Vasantha 133-4.

Miscellaneous: Andhra Cement 72 F.A.C.T. 6-15, India Cement 15-14, Mettur Chem. 5-13, Mysore Chem. and Ferts 9-8, Mysore Paper 12-11, Spencer 12-14.

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under SHIPPING NEWS of Messrs. Volkart Brothers:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From U.S.A. Atlantic Ports M.S. "Poegh Merchant" 13/12/50 S.S. "Amstelveen" 16/12/50 S.S. "Zeeland" 26/12/50.

From U.S.A. Pacific Ports M.S. "Hoegh Trader" 16/12/50 M.S. "Silverash" 12/1/51.

FROM AUSTRALIA

From Australia M.S. "Hoegh Silverlight" 8/1/51.

From North Continental S.S. "Ceram" 20/12/50.

Mediterranean Ports S.S. "Leopoldskerk" 28/12/50 S.S. "Amstelvaart" 7/1/51.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For U.S.A. and Canadian M.S. "Elizabeth Bakke" 18/12/50.

Atlantic Ports.

For U.S.A. and Canadian S.S. "Halatiga" 15/12/50.

For Australia M.S. "Hoegh Merchant" 16/12/50.

For Mediterranean and North S.S. "Laagkerk" 13/12/50.

Continental Ports S.S. "Lekkerkerk" 1/1/51. S.S. "Falaise" 30/12/50.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmness In Many Sections

LONDON, Dec. 12 (PTI-Reuter) Trading period on the London stock exchange today ended with quiet firmness in many sections. There was, however, disposition to await the statement from Mr. Attlee on his return from the United States, and business was small.

British Government stocks were widely one eighth higher and there were scattered gains in industrials, oils and minings Among the industrials Dunlop old shares were active. The price dipped at the outset on some profit taking but later rallied to close with a net gain at 546.

Oils encountered small end-of account buying and were firm under the lead of Anglo-Iranian.

Among the internationals. Canadian Pacifics hardened to 42 3/8ths on dividend of six per cent for the year against five per cent.

Foreign bonds were quiet but steady. German potash issues were dull. South African gold shares were bright on some demand for developers. Producers were steady awaiting further divident announcements.

CALCUTTA MARKET

Fair Business

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12 (PTI): The market ruled steady and unchanged round all sections and a fair business was put through. Following are today's final transactions upto 3.00 p.m.

Government securities three per cent loan 1986 93/2, three per cent loan 1957 100/2 s lot, three per cent loan 1963/65 98 s lot, three per cent loan 1970/75 97 odd lot, four per cent loan 1960/70 108/8 s l.

BANKS: Bharat 2/14, Calcutta National 12, Imperial fully paid 1965 ct.

COTTONS: Basanti 6, Elgin Mills 16/10 New Victoria Ordy 2.

COALS: Bharat Colliery 6/12, Borrea ordy 37, Bhulanbararee 17, Burrakur 13/13, Chusick and Muslia 21/2, Standard 23, Central India 5/11. New Beerbhoom 18/12.

JUTES: Alliance 221 s lot, Anglo India 300, Auckland 151, Bally 260, Clive 5/8, Dalhouise 185/8, Delta 257, Fort Gloster 469, Howrah 36/8, India 184, Kamarhatty 302/8 st. Kanknarrah 233, Landsdowne 206, National 27/4, Nuddea 80/8, Presidency 6/11, Union 223, Megna 159, Reliance 24/3.

ENGINEERINGS: Brit building and Iron

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PRESERVATION OF USEFUL CATTLE

Non-Official Bill In Parliament

NEW DELHI, December 12, (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today took up private members' bills and postponed to a convenient date in the next session further debate on Mr. R. K. Sidhva's bill to amend the Societies Registration Act.

The Law Minister, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar said the Part (A) States, while expressing agreement with the principle of the Bill, wanted to initiate legislation themselves. The Part (B) States had no such law and they had not been consulted by the Government. In view of the convention that the Centre would not undertake legislation in respect of the subject on the Concurrent List without the consent of the States, he could not agree to the Bill being made applicable to Part A and Part B States. The Bill, as it stood, was also defective and a number of amendments would have to be made. If Mr. Sidhva would agree to carry out certain amendments he (the Law Minister) would suggest to restrict the Bill to Part C States, he (Law Minister) had no objection. Dr. Ambedkar suggested that for these reasons further consideration should be postponed to the next session.

Replying to Mr. Sidhva's objection that his Bill might not be able to secure a favourable place in the ballot during the budget session, the Law Minister said the Government would have no objection to accommodate Mr. Sidhva by finding half a day out of the official days in the budget session for further consideration of Mr. Sidhva's Bill.

USEFUL CATTLE

The House next took up consideration of Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava's Bill seeking to provide for preservation of useful cattle in the centrally-administered areas.

Pandit Bhargava said it was of the utmost importance that immediate steps should be taken to improve the breed of cattle, to increase the milk yield of cows and buffaloes, to ban the slaughter of useful cattle and unauthorised slaughter of cattle.

Pandit Bhargava said it was indeed a matter of "shame" that while India were still considering the measure, Pakistan had passed similar legislation a long time ago.

In Sweden and Norway, he said, children below the age of eighteen were given free milk. In England, children below the age of fifteen got free milk. The 'per capita' consumption of milk in India was hardly five ounces. Under the circumstance useful cattle in the country should not be allowed to be slaughtered. Pandit Bhargava hoped that the various states in India would enact similar legislation.

Pandit Krishna Chandra Sharma (U.P.) said more atention should be devoted to the upkeep of all cattle. The provisions of the Bill should not be restricted to merely "useful" cattle.

GOVERNMENT'S PLAN

Mr. Thirumala Rao, Deputy Minister for Food and Agriculture, said that Government were contemplating to introduce at the earliest opportunity a comprehensive Bill to give effect to the main recommendations of the Cattle Preservation and Development Committee. Among other things that Bill would deal with all matters germane to cow protection. The Committee had estimated that looking after unprotected and useless cattle would involve a non-recurring expenditure of over Rupees twenty-four crores and an annual recurring expenditure of over Rupees twelve crores. The Bill would provide for collection of funds for the purpose, asking for accounts of the lakhs and crores of rupees collected by charitable institutions in the name of "Go Shalas" and management of the "Go Shalas" which would have to be of a standard type. Pandit Bhargava's Bill, on the other hand, contained "no constructive suggestion" and as the Bill now under preparation was proposed to be sent to a select committee, he would ask Pandit Bhargava not to press his Bill.

Pandit Bhargava said he had seen the provisions of the propcsed Bill and felt it would not satisfy the House.

Mr. Satish Chandra (Uttar Pradesh) said that there was no point in insisting that the present Bill should be passed.

He had not concluded when the House rose for the day.

SEDITION

Mr. H. V. Kamath introduced a Bill which seeks to remove the provision relating to sedition from the Indian Penal Code. The statement of objects of the Bill says the provision can have no place in the penal law, as it is inconsistent with the provisions of Article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution".

PREVENTING GHEE ADULTERATION

Inquiry Committee May Be Appointed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI).—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced in Parliament today that Government was prepared to appoint a Committee to go into the question of adulteration of ghee in the country.

Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava, earlier, had said he was not pressing his motion to refer his Bill providing for the Prohibition of Manufacture and Import of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils to a Select Committee, as Government was to appoint a Committee to consider the question. He hoped the Committee would suggest suitable methods to stop adulteration of ghee. Lakhs of people had signified their support to his Bill, he said.

The Prime Minister said people all over the country, were interested in the question of vegetable oils, but the form in which the Bill had been brought forward would be difficult for Government to accept. In the case of ghee, there had been much adulteration and Government were anxious to put a stop to it.

Government were, therefore, prepared to appoint a Committee to look into this matter. He said that experiments carried out on hydrogenated oils, however, had shown that these were not harmful.

NON-OFFICIAL BILLS INTRODUCED

Nineteen non-official Bills were introduced in Parliament today by private members, including Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava, Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Syed Mohammed Ahmad Kazmi, Mr. R. K. Sidhva, Mr. H. V. Kamath and Dr. P. S. Deshmukh. The objects of the Bills range from seeking to provide protection of Hindu religious institutions known as "mutts" to making attempts to commit suicide legal.

The Bills dealt with such diverse subjects as enforcement of monogamy, establishment of a homogeneous bar in India with uniform rights of practice in all courts, punishment for adulteration of foodstuffs, and preventing mismanagement of private limited companies.

MARRIAGE

Bills relating to social reform seek to lay down among other things that girls below eighteen years of age should not be allowed to marry a man above fortyfive years of age. The marriageable age of boys is sought to be raised from eighteen years to twenty.

Among Bills proposing legal reform is one which says that an accused should be able to seek bail from courts even before he surrenders himself to police custody. In many cases, it is stated in the statement of objects, the courts will thus be able to save the honour and reputation of "innocent" accused and offer them protection from the "trouble and indignity" of police custody.

One Bill seeks to omit the word "transportation" used in the Penal Code in connection with a life sentence. The Bill proposes to give power to courts to award punishment upto fourteen years.

Another Bill relates to powers and privileges of Parliament.

KENYA WHEAT: Mr. Manjibhai Damodar of Mombasa has sent, thorugh the Commissioner for the Government of India in British East Africa, 20 tons of Kenya wheat for free distribution to the Assam earthquake sufferers, it is learnt.

URS PILGRIMS IN SIRHIND

A large number of Muslim pilgrims participated in the Urs celebration of Hazrat Majadid Alf Sani at Roza Sharif, Sirhind, (PEPSU) recently. About 200 pilgrims from Pakistan and a large number of pilgrims from Afganistan and various Indian States attended the Urs. The pilgrims from Pakistan meeting their old friends in Sirhind.

U.P. FOOD SITUATION PRECARIOUS

Leakage From Government Godowns Alleged

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, (By Air).

THE food situation in U.P. is extremely precarious. The Rain God has kept silent and the Rabi crops in the eastern districts have suffered enormous damage. The western districts are also facing the ravages of drought. Sixty to seventy per cent paddy crops have been almost wiped out.

The Government has not got enough monetary resources to rush adequate help to the suffering humanity in the rural areas. The prices of foodgrains are soaring, rice selling at Rs. 48 per maund.

A shocking feature of the situation is that while the Government has cut down rations to five chhataks in this State, thousands of maunds of foodgrains are leaking out of the Governmental godowns and leading and unloading centres without check or hindrance. This has developed into a systematic racket.

The process is simple. Interested parties deliberately cut and tear the bags containing foodgrains. Later on these foodgrains are lifted away along with dust, washed and cleaned. Then they are used or sold in the black market. Apart from this deliberate theft, the bags are torn in the natural course with the result that vast amounts of foodgrains leak out. There is plenty of short-weighing and adulteration of foodgrains in the ration shops.

Apart from this, foodgrains like "bajra" are allowed to rot in Government godowns till mid-summer. There is always scarcity of this rationed commodity in the ration shops in winter. The barley sold at the ration shops is of poor quality. The result is that people have to be content with only four chhataks of rations generally. Is there any wonder that the black market exists? Fourth grade rice, the mainstay of the poor, has disappeared from the ration shops.

AGITATION AGAINST RATION CUT

The cut in rations in U.P. has caused great agitation among people and even women have come out of 'purda' to protest against it. Not the fashionable ones but the lower middle class women are organising an agitation against the cut in U.P. The Hon'ble Mr C. B. Gupta, Food Minister, U.P., whom a University teacher here has called "Bismark of U.P." was hooted and shouted down in some recent public meetings which he tried to address People demanded the withdrawal of the cut. This has naturally cut to the quick our somewhat sensitive Chief Minister, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

The Chief Minister did not like these anti-Gupta demonstrations. So in a speech at Agra the other day he advised people not to be "angry" over the food muddle. Mr. Pant in fact tried to side-track the food issue by talking a great deal about the "very delicate times" and the "Korean war." He took the entire responsibility of the ration cut on himself and asked people to spare the Food Minister, Mr Gupta. Incidentally he referred to Agra newspapers as the "best example of unbridled freedom." Agra is the home of Shri S. K. D. Paliwal, Chief of the Peoples Congress in U.P., and he runs a daily Hindi newspaper, "Sainik" at Agra.

SOBERING EFFECT

The demonstrations of public anger, which are inevitable in any democratic country, have apparently had a sobering effect on the U.P. Government. For the Government is now pressing the Centre to give them more wheat. There is little hope, however, that their request will be granted soon.

Owing to fear of procurement, the area under wheat and rice cultivation has been much reduced in this State. But the loss of two crops in rapid succession has driven the villagers to desperation. Germination of the present rabi crop, owing to drought, is very unsatisfactory. It is clear that the lengthening shadows of the food crisis in U.P. may result in a tragedy of great magnitude. For mere speeches can't improve the situation, The U.P., like other States, is a victim of the overall food policy of the Centre plus its own inefficient and careless food administration.

Recently, the Government have granted an additional sum of Rs. 25 lakhs for 'taccavi' loans to the villagers. This is like a drop in the ocean. Anyhow the district magistrates have been asked to give priority to the villagers' applications and sanction loans soon.

The Government of U.P. had raised another storm in the tea cup by their ukase regarding licensing of "kolhus" This was another shortsighted and hasty step under which millions of villagers were smarting. But the Centre has come to their rescue and overruled the food experts of U.P. While the Information Department of this State was explaining the need for licensing Kolhus, came the directive from the Centre, "Thou shalt not!" So the need for licensing Kolhus no more remains in U.P.

AIR OFFICER'S TRIP: Air Commodore Aspy Merwan Engineer, Air Officer Commanding, I.A.F. Operational Command, is shortly proceeding to England to attend a course at the Imperial Defence College in London. the Air Headquarters announced on Tuesday.

PARTNERS IN COMMON!

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (UPI). CATTLE, people, and monkeys were all partners in India's food, Mr. Hussain Imam (Bihar) pointed out in Parliament today, speaking on Pandit Bhargva's Bill to prevent slaughter of cattle. He said while every effort should be made to preserve hariana (better type) cattle. inferior type cattle be allowed to die.

"We have to take care of more than 14 crores of cattle, besides 35 crores of people and 5 crores of monkeys who are also our partners, in food," he said.

Jawahar Shouts

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): "Come in, why are you distracting my attention standing there", shouted Prime Minister Nehru today in the middle of his one-hour speech at the Rehabilitation Ministers Conference which opened here yesterday.

He was addressing a member of his staff who was standing at the entrance to the spacious conference room in Parliament House.

Mr. Nehru's face, however, lit up with a smile as the officer walked in and handed over to him a letter for signature.

"You see this is a letter to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan", he told the conference.

8 RAZAKARS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

HYDERABAD, Dec. 12 (PTI): Eight "Razakar" convicts, who were undergoing various terms of imprisonment ranging from three to twenty years, escaped from the Parbhani jail (about 200 miles north-west of Hyderabad) on Sunday according to information received here.

Search parties were immediately organised and all border police stations have been alerted. One of the escaped convicts has since been apprehended, it is learned.

The convicts are stated to have overpowered the sentry and decamped with some fire-arms.

No-Confidence Move Against Mysore Chief Minister

BANGALORE, Dec. 12 (PTI).—Permission of the Central Parliamentary Committee in Delhi is being sought by the dissident members of the Mysore Legislature Congress Party to bring a motion of no-confidence in the present leader Mr. K. C. Reddy.

Thirtyfive of the sixtyfive members of the Party requested the Leader last week to vacate his office as he had lost the confidence of the majority of his Party members. The Leader replied to this earlier yesterday promising to call a Party meeting on December 27 to consider the situation.

NO DEVALUATION: The East Bengal Governor Malik Firoz Khan Noon declared here that Pakistan "was not going to devalue her currency". If any one tried to force them to do so he was only making a "wild goose chase" he said.

FOUR W. P. TYPE ENGINES DAMAGED IN ACCIDENTS

Total Value, Rs. 19.5 Lakhs

NEW DELHI, December 12, (PTI).

OUT of 200 W. P. express passenger locomotives imported from Canada and 116 from the United States, four had been involved in serious accidents so far, said Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar in reply to Mr. Jhani Ram in Parliament today.

He said that the cost of repairing the damage to them was estimated at about Rs. 80,000. The total value of these four damaged engines when new was about Rs. 19.5 lakhs.

The Railway Minister told Mr. Shiv Charan Lala that the Government had under consideration a proposal for the construction of a railway line from Chunar to Robersganj—a distance of forty-four miles—in Uttar Pradesh in order to assist that State in the opening of a cement factory in the South Mirzapur District. The construction work was proposed to be taken in hand in 1951-52. The alignment lies through hilly country and may take upto three working seasons to complete.

The total assets taken over by the Indian Railway administration on account of integration of railways of Rajasthan amounted to Rs. 142,200,000 including Rs. 544 lakhs Jodhpur Railway, Rs. 664 Bikaner and Rs. 206 Jaipur (Rajasthan).

Giving this information, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar told Mr. Jainarain Vyas that the question of the location of the headquarters of the Western Railway which on regrouping would include railways in Rajasthan was still under consideration.

AIR TRANSPORT

The Deputy Minister for Communications, Mr. Khurshid Lal, said in reply to Mr. K. M. Tripathi that the number of air transport companies operating scheduled air services in India was 9 on August 15, 1947, and 10 on August 15, 1950. During the period, two companies, namely, Jupiter Airways and Ambica Airlines went into liquidation. No subsidy in petrol or otherwise was paid to the companies which went into liquidation.

Asked under what circumstances the Indian Overseas Airline, otherwise known as Star, was closed down, Mr. Khurshid Lal said that the Star went down on account of financial difficulties.

The question of nationalization and other problems connected with air transport in India would be discussed by Parliament when the report of the Air Transport Committee along with the views of the Government were placed before the House.

POSTAL STAFF

Mr. Khurshid Lal told Mr. S. V. Naik that the absorption of the postal staff of the Part "B" States would be effected in the same manner as other ex-State staff in general taken over by the Government of India. The matter was in hand and the organization and working of the ex-State systems were being recast on departmental lines in order to facilitate the application of the Central Government scales of pay. An 'ad hoc' Committee had been appointed for the grading of the non-gazetted ex-State personnel taken over with the ex-State postal systems.

Mr. S. N. Buragohain, Deputy Minister, Works, Mines and Power informed Mr. Jagannath Mishra that since Government's announcement in the last budget session, only three offices out of 19 had actually moved out of Delhi so far and one other was in the process of moving. Three offices had been permitted to stay on in Delhi on their making their own private arrangements for accommodation. The move of two railway offices had had to be indefinitely postponed. The move of the remaining offices was held up mainly because of difficulty in obtaining adequate and satisfactory residential accommodation for the staff at stations selected by the offices concerned and because of change in the financial position.

EXPUNGED REMARKS
Ruling Against The Press

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, ruled in the Indian Parliament today that the Press could not publish those proceedings in the House which had been ordered to be expunged by the Speaker. He gave this ruling when Mr. Jaspath Roy Kapoor (U.P.) raised a point of privilege in regard to publication by certain papers of portions of the debate on the Tariff Amendment Bill in the House yesterday which the Deputy Speaker had said should not form part of the proceedings.

Mr. Kapoor said that while those points might have been published inadvertently, he raised the point so that the dignity of the house might be maintained.

Mr. Hussain Imam said that the Press were permitted to report the proceedings under certain restrictions and if they did not observe them, it would be a breach of privilege.

Mr. H. V. Kamath said the Deputy Speaker had not categorically ruled yesterday which portions of the debate should be expunged. Neither had he directed the Press not to publish them. The Deputy Speaker, he said, had only ruled that the incident should be closed and that "the acrimonious remarks" should not go on record.

Mr. Kamath said: "Therefore to my mind it is not fair to lay the blame at the door of the Press which inadvertently and in the absence of any specific ruling on the point, gave publicity to the remarks".

Mr. Kapoor maintained that it was clear to the other members that the Deputy Speaker had ruled that the proceedings should not be published.

The Deputy Speaker said it was "highly regrettable" that what had been expunged by the Speaker had been published in a section of the Press. He had ruled that the acrimonious remarks ought not to form part of the proceedings and there was no need to say "it is expunged", or that the Press should not publish it. It would not serve the purpose of expungement, if all those things were published. He hoped the Press would bear it in mind but did not think any further action need be taken in the present instance.

The Deputy Speaker also ruled that the Press could not make any reference to the remarks either in comment or as lobby talks.

INDIA PLANS TO RECOGNISE SPAIN
Dr. Keskar On Centre's Policy

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (PTI).—India's Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Doctor B. V. Keskar, conferred with the Egyptian Premier Nahas Pasha, for more than an hour yesterday. Dr. Keskar who is on his way home from Lake Success and London told reporters afterwards: "We exchanged views on a wide range of world problems including the Anglo-Egyptian question, and the Korean crisis.

Dr. Keskar said that India's attitude towards Egypt was "naturally sympathetic" but declined to comment on any specific points in the dispute.

Dr. Keskar said he was aware that India's recognition of Israel had led to "dissatisfaction in Arab countries" but explained that recognition of the Israel Government did not necessarily imply approval of "what took place there." He said that after recognition of Communist China the Government of India decided to adopt a uniform policy of recognition of 'de facto' governments.

"This applied to the Israel Government in the same way as it applies to the Spanish Government which India was planning to recognise."

Patel In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The special pressurised Dakota, carrying Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, landed at the Juhu Airport at 1-40 this afternoon. Sardar Patel who looked exhausted, but maintained his cherfulness, was borne in a chair to the waiting Governor's car and was driven to Birla House.

He was received at the airport by Bombay's Chief Minister Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, and Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary, Mr. S. K. Patel, Mayor, and other leading Congressmen of the city Sardar Patel stood the journey well.

Departure From Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12 (PTI): The Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel left for Bombay this morning.

Mr. Patel has been ill for three weeks and doctors had advised a change of climate. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Mr. Nathubhai Patel, Miss Maniben Patel and an attendant accompanied Mr. Patel.

The Prime Minister Mr. Nehru arrived at the airfield half an hour before the plane was scheduled to take off. The time of the departure was kept secret to avoid crowds. Mr. Patel left by an IAF pressurised Dakota. Air Vice Marshal Mukherjee inspected the arrangements.

CHEERFUL THOUGH WEAK

Mr. Patel's car was driven close to the aircraft and he was carried in a chair into the plane. He looked cheerful, though weak. He appeared very much moved by the salutations of those who had come to see him off. The Prime Minister Mr. Nehru and Mr. Rajagopalachari entered the plane after Mr. Patel was taken into his cabin, where they spent a few minutes.

It is learned that Mr. Patel became very weak last week and his condition gave rise to some anxiety, but he soon rallied and is now maintaining steady improvement. Before he left for the airport, he attended to some urgent state matters and had a frugal breakfast.

Mr. Patel's Secretary, Mr. V. Shanker and other members of the staff had left earlier by a commercial plane for Bombay. It is understood that Mr. Patel will stay in Bombay for a few weeks.

Saurashtra Merger Not Decided Yet

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 12: A spokesman of the Saurashtra Government when interviewed said there was no question of merger of Saurashtra with Bombay state at present. The formation of Mahagujerat by so merging Saurashtra has never been decided upon, he said. He added that it is better that rumours regarding mergers should not be given such publicity.

MUTT AND JEFF--After All, Can't A Guy Keep His Own Score Card?

By BUD FISHER

HOW MANY STROKES DID YOU TAKE ON THAT HOLE, JEFF?
-ER-, EIGHT!
I TOOK SEVEN!
NEXT HOLE
HOW MANY STROKES DID YOU TAKE ON THIS ONE?
FIVE!
I TOOK FOUR!
NEXT HOLE
HOW MANY--
OH, NO YOU DON'T! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ASK YOU FIRST!
Fisher

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